



U.S. sending more troops to Middle East as Iran tensions mount

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon on Monday ordered another 1,000 American troops to the Middle East, moving to bolster security in a region reeling from hostile attacks on commercial ships that the U.S. has blamed on Iran. Officials said the deployment includes security forces and troops for additional surveillance and intelligence gathering in the region. And while the number is small, it represents an escalation of U.S. military might aimed at deterring

Iran and calming allies worried that transit through key shipping lanes could be in jeopardy. Acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan issued a statement saying the forces are "for defensive purposes to address air, naval, and ground-based threats in the Middle East." The forces are part of a broader military package of options that were initially laid out to U.S. leaders late last month, totaling as much as 10,000 forces, Patriot missile batteries, aircraft and ships.

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This image released by the U.S. Department of Defense on Monday, June 17, 2019, is a view of hull penetration/blast damage on the starboard side of the motor vessel M/T Kokuka Courageous, which the Navy says was sustained from a limpet mine attack while operating in the Gulf of Oman, on June 13th.

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State Department spokesperson Morgan Ortagus speaks at a news conference at the State Department in Washington, Monday, June 17, 2019.

By **MATTHEW LEE**
AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration said Monday it is easing previously announced cuts in hundreds of millions of dollars in aid to the Cen-

tral American nations of El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala but will not allow new funding until those countries do more to reduce migrant flows to the United States.

The State Department said

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U.S. restores some aid to El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala

that after a review of more than \$615 million in assistance that President Donald Trump ordered in March to be cut entirely, it would go ahead with \$432 million in projects and grants that had been previously approved. The remaining amount will be held in escrow pending consultations with Congress, it said. That \$432 million, which comes from the 2017 budget, is being spent on health, education and poverty alleviation programs as well as anti-crime efforts that many believe help reduce migrant outflows from the impoverished Northern Triangle region. About \$370 million in money from the 2018 budget will not be spent and instead will be moved to other projects, the State Department said.

"Previously awarded grants and contracts will continue with current funding," department spokeswoman Morgan Ortagus said. She added that assistance "to help the Northern Triangle governments take actions that will protect the U.S. border and counter transnational organized crime will also continue."

U.S. officials said the review looked at roughly 700 projects funded with fiscal 2017 money by the United States in the three countries and concluded that a significant number were too far advanced to end them. Trump's decision in March to cut all direct aid to El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala over the migration issue elicited harsh criticism from Congress where lawmakers from both parties

said the assistance was key to helping improve conditions in the three countries that have contributed to the people leaving.

Ortagus told reporters the administration was leaving the door open to future funding but would first have to see progress on migration.

"We will not provide new funds for programs in those countries until we are satisfied that the Northern Triangle governments are taking concrete actions to reduce the number of migrants coming to the U.S. border, she said. "This is consistent with the president's direction and with the recognition that it is critical that there be sufficient political will in these countries to address the problem at its source." □

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Florida effort to block election hacking gets extra \$2M

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida's county elections departments will retain \$2.3 million in unspent grant money aimed at stopping cyber-attacks on the state's voting system, Gov. Ron DeSantis announced Monday.

DeSantis announced the unspent money is left over from a \$19 million federal grant given last year to combat potential attacks on the Florida's voting system and was supposed to be returned to the state. It will be combined with \$2.8 million in state funding currently budgeted.

The spending comes after it was disclosed last month that the FBI believes Russian hackers breached the

voter information files of two of Florida's 67 county election supervisor offices during the 2016 presidential election. Officials do not believe the vote tabulation system was compromised and say there is no indication last year's state elections were hacked.

He and Secretary of State Laurel Lee, who oversees elections, vowed to identify and fix any problems before the March presidential primary.

"We are taking the issue seriously," DeSantis said. "We have 67 different elections that are run and not every county has the same amount of resources so we want to be there to offer the support so the elec-

tion is run smoothly." Lee will work with the county election supervisors to determine how the money is divided. DeSantis said if more money is needed, he would seek it from the Legislature.

"We must remain vigilant against constant and evolving threats," Lee said. "The Department of State will ensure that no county stands alone against foreign threats to Florida's elections." DeSantis said he hopes no vulnerabilities are found but if there are, he doesn't think they should be publicly disclosed.

"We would be telegraphing to our adversaries, 'Hey, this is where Florida is weakest,'" DeSantis said. □



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The decision to send 1,000 troops signals a measured approach by President Donald Trump, who campaigned against the Middle East entanglements of his predecessors and has struggled to bring troops home, despite ongoing threats.

"The United States does not seek conflict with Iran," Shanahan said. "The action today is being taken to ensure the safety and welfare of our military personnel working throughout the region and to protect our national interests." He added that the U.S. will continue to adjust troop levels as needed.

The troop decision comes as Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and other top officials reached out to leaders in Asia and Europe to convince them that Iran was behind the alleged attacks on ships in the Middle East. The Pentagon released new photos intended to bolster its case that Iran was to blame.

The images, many taken from a Navy helicopter, show what the Pentagon said were Iranian forces removing an unexploded mine from the side of the Japanese-owned Kokuka Courageous oil tanker in the Gulf of Oman.

Officials last week said the move appeared to be an attempt to remove forensic evidence from the scene of the attack. But it's not clear if examination of the mine would have made it definitively clear that the device was planted by the IRGC.

The Trump administration also finds itself in the awkward position of demanding that Iran comply with a nuclear accord that the president has derided as

the worst deal in history.

Iran announced Monday it would break a limit on uranium stockpiles established by a 2015 agreement with world powers that was intended to restrict the Islamic Republic's nuclear program in exchange for an easing of international sanctions.

Trump withdrew from the agreement, signed by his predecessor, and reinstated punishing economic sanctions, resulting in sharply rising tensions that deteriorated further with Iran's warning that it could soon start to enrich uranium to just a step away from weapons-grade levels.

"We continue to call on the Iranian regime not to obtain a nuclear weapon, to abide by their commitments to the international community," State Department spokeswoman Morgan Ortagus told reporters. Ortagus said Iran's uranium announcement amounted to "extortion" and a "challenge to international norms," as well as to the 2015 agreement known formally as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action. "It's unfortunate that they have made this announcement today," Ortagus said. "It doesn't surprise anybody and this is why the president has often said that the JCPOA needs to be replaced with a better deal."

Supporters of the deal blamed the Trump administration for Iran's provocative announcements, saying they were entirely predictable given the renewed U.S. pressure.

"While Iran's frustration with Trump's reckless and irresponsible pressure campaign is understandable, we strongly urge Iran to remain in compliance with the nuclear deal," the Arms



Deputy Spokesperson Robert Palladino speaks with reporters following a news conference at the State Department in Washington, Monday, June 17, 2019.

Control Association said in a statement. "It remains in Iran's interests to abide by the limits of the agreement and to fully cooperate with the International Atomic Energy Agency's more in-

trusive monitoring and verification."

Iran has shown no willingness to negotiate another deal and vowed not enter into talks with the United States while the adminis-

tration maintains its "maximum pressure" campaign of sanctions.

Administration officials are grappling with whether to press the remaining parties to the deal, including Britain, France and Germany, to demand that Iran stay in compliance. They must also consider if such a stance would essentially concede that the restrictions imposed during the Obama administration, while short of ideal, are better than none.

Under the deal, Iran can keep a stockpile of no more than 660 pounds (300 kilograms) of low-enriched uranium. Behrouz Kamalvandi, spokesman for Iran's atomic agency, said it would pass that limit June 27. □



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Buttigieg goes home to South Bend after man killed by police

By TOM DAVIES and SARA BURNETT

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The fatal shooting of a black man by a police officer in the Indiana city where Pete Buttigieg is mayor presents both political peril for a presidential candidate who has struggled to connect with minority voters and an opportunity to show leadership on issues of race and policing that are critical — and personal — for much of the Democratic primary electorate. Buttigieg on Monday canceled several days of campaign events after returning to South Bend, where he spent the day meeting with community members and faith leaders following the shooting of 54-year-old



South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg, center, speaks during a news conference, Sunday, June 16, 2019, in South Bend, Ind., as South Bend Common Council President Tim Scott, left, and South Bend Police Chief Scott Ruskowski, listen.

Eric Jack Logan.

Logan died after he was shot once in the abdomen from the front by a white officer who responded to a call about a suspicious person going through cars about 3:30 a.m. Sunday, St. Joseph County Prosecutor Ken Cotter said Monday. Sgt. Ryan O'Neill spotted the man, later identified as Logan, leaning inside a car, Cotter said. When O'Neill confronted him, Logan allegedly approached the officer with a 6 to 8-inch long knife raised over his head. That's when Cotter said the officer fired twice, with the other shot hitting a car door. In a matter of months, Buttigieg has gone from a relatively obscure 37-year-old mayor to the top tier of a crowded Democratic presidential field. His handling of the shooting could test his ability to navigate the demands of the campaign trail while still performing his day job. "I did consider it important to be here to have these conversations," Buttigieg said in South Bend on Sunday after cutting short a

presidential campaign trip. "I know that whenever an incident like this happens, there is tremendous hurt that can come about. That the city will be hurting." Asked by a reporter how the shooting might affect his presidential bid, Buttigieg declined to answer, saying, "Right now I'm here as mayor." The white mayor has had a sometimes-tense relationship with the black community dating back to his first term in office, when he fired the city's first black police chief. He has also faced criticism for his handling of police misconduct cases, including a case involving an officer who was twice disciplined for civil rights violations but not fired, and for not having a police department that reflects South Bend's diversity. Roughly 40% of the city's residents are black or Hispanic; the department is almost 90% white. Buttigieg said Sunday that he was sometimes hesitant to speak publicly after shootings involving police

earlier in his time as mayor and that he heard from the black community that he needed to be more open and transparent.

"One of the reasons we're communicating up front right now is because of lessons learned from members of the community," he said. Logan's wife, Shafonia Logan, told reporters after meeting with the police chief Sunday night that she had many questions about what happened to her husband of 13 years. She said her husband called her early Sunday asking her to pick him up, as he was out with friends, but she was in bed, and he replied that he would walk to his mother's house a few minutes away. "I don't know what happened or what they say — he was breaking into a car?" she said. "Was that justified for him to shoot and kill him about breaking in a car?" Shafonia Logan said that she never knew her husband to carry a knife or a gun and that he was afraid of police officers. She also questioned why her husband was taken to a hospital in a police car rather than in an ambulance. Logan was released from prison in June 2018 after serving a sentence for a 2009 St. Joseph County conviction on three felony counts of dealing cocaine or narcotics, according to Indiana Department of Correction records. He had other convictions since 1988 on drug possession and handgun violation charges. Cotter said no police video exists of the confrontation as the officer's dash and body cameras weren't automatically activated because he was driving slowly without his emergency lights on while looking through a parking lot. □

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Watchdog to investigate Interior moves on Utah monument

By BRADY McCOMBS

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A government watchdog will investigate whether the U.S. Interior Department broke the law by making plans to open lands cut from a Utah national monument by President Donald Trump to leasing for oil, gas and coal development, a pair of Democratic congress members said Monday.

The Government Accountability Office's investigation into whether the Interior violated the appropriations law by using funds to assess potential resource extraction in the lands cut from the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument is the latest chapter in a long-running saga over the sprawling monument created in 1996 on lands home to scenic cliffs, canyons, dinosaur fossils and coal reserves. Trump slashed the monument by nearly half in 2017 following a contentious review by former Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke of monuments around the country. Trump ordered the review based on arguments by him and others that a law signed by President Theodore Roosevelt allowing presidents to declare monuments had been improperly used to protect wide expanses of lands instead of places with particular historical or archaeological value.

The GAO investigation comes after U.S. Sen. Tom Udall of New Mexico and U.S. Rep. Betty McCollum of Minnesota, both Democrats, requested the investigation in May. They argue that a section of the appropriations law on the



This July 9, 2017 file photo, shows a view of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah.

books since 2002 states that no taxpayer money can be used to do pre-leasing studies on lands in monuments that were created by Jan. 20, 2001.

Last year, the Interior made public proposals for managing Grand Staircase, saying its preference for one of the sites would be the "least restrictive to energy and mining development." That plan also would allow commercial timber harvesting to keep forests healthy.

The public comment period closed on the proposals and the Bureau of Land Manage-

ment's website says it intends to finalize the plans later this year.

Interior Department Press Secretary Molly Block said in a statement the agency will provide "factual information" to the GAO and is "confident" the probe will determine the Interior "acted appropriately and within the law."

GAO spokesman Charles Young confirmed the inquiry. He said it's too early to know how long the probe into the legal question will take.

Trump in 2017 also downsized the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, but that

won't be part of the GAO's inquiry because it was created in 2016 by President Barack Obama.

Environmental, tribal, paleontological and outdoor recreation organizations have separate lawsuits pending to restore the full sizes of the monuments, arguing presidents don't have the legal authority to undo or change monuments created by predecessors.

Udall and McCollum announced the GAO investigation in a joint news release. Udall is the ranking member of the Senate's Appropria-

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tions Subcommittees on the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies. McCollum is chair of the same committee in the House. Udall called on the Interior to halt work on proposed management plans until the GAO makes its determination on the legal question. "National monuments like Grand Staircase-Escalante protect some of our most spectacular wilderness areas and breathtaking lands, and it is imperative that the Department manage them in accordance with the laws passed by Congress," Udall said in the news release. □

Report: Childhood poverty persists in fast-growing Southwest

By **MORGAN LEE**
Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — The number of children living in poverty has swelled over the past three decades in fast-growing, ethnically diverse states such as Texas, Arizona and Nevada as the nation's population center shifts south and west, a report Monday on childhood well-being shows.

The annual Kids Count report from the Annie E. Casey Foundation found that 18% of the nation's children live in poverty, down from the Great Recession.

But the same advances weren't seen in the Southwest, where many children are Native Americans, Latinos and immigrants who have long faced disadvantages.

"The nation's racial inequities remain deep, systemic and stubbornly persistent," said the annual Kids Count report from the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

"Thirteen million children continue to live in poverty in spite of the economic growth that we have seen recently, and low unemployment," said Leslie Boissiere, a vice president at the foundation.

"In those border states, it's as many as one in five. So you're seeing a higher rate of poverty among children in those states."



In this photo taken Friday, June 14, 2019, volunteers including Shelley Winship and retired accountant Ralph Nava, left, pick up food packages to deliver to homebound families and dependent children in Santa Fe, N.M., at the headquarters for Kitchen Angels.

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The share of children without health insurance increased slightly in 2017, the most recent year studied, but remains near an all-time low at 5%. That was attributed in large part to state Medicaid programs and provisions of the Affordable Care Act.

Since 1990, however, the national rate of childhood poverty has remained unchanged.

The report measured 16 indicators of childhood

well-being, from the rate of low birthweights and teen pregnancy to third-grade reading abilities and the prevalence of single-parent families.

Texas' childhood population swelled by an additional 2.5 million since 1990. The number of children in poverty there increased from about 1.1 million to 1.5 million, according to the foundation. In Arizona, it rose by 60% to 332,000 children.

In Nevada, the number

of impoverished children more than tripled to 125,000 since 1990.

Denise Tanata, executive director of the Children's Advocacy Alliance in Nevada, says the state's relative prosperity sets it apart from other states persistently near the bottom of the childhood well-being rankings, such as Mississippi and Alabama.

"Historically it's been a very old-West mentality: 'Pull yourself up by your boot-

straps,'" Tanata said. "We tend to be low in almost every category when it comes to kids and to families. ... We haven't been able to keep up with the population growth and the changing needs."

Boissiere of the Casey Foundation said underlying causes of childhood financial stress differ from state to state.

In Texas, about 26% of children live in households where at least one parent struggles to find secure employment. In New Mexico, which ranked last in the survey, more than one in three children were in that situation.

A crisis in affordable housing weighs on families in California — where 43% of children are in families with a high housing cost burden that consumes more than 30% of pre-tax income. The state excels in other measures, with only 3% of children going without health insurance.

Nationwide, the share of children with at least one immigrant parent has doubled since 1990 to 26%, the report found.

Fifteen states with fastest growing child populations owe that growth mainly to an influx from other states along with birth and death rates — not international immigration, the foundation said. □



In this June 14, 2019 photo provided by The University of Kansas Health System, 15-year-old Eli Gregg, right, recovers in the hospital bed in Kansas City, Kan., as his mother Jimmy Russell watches after doctors removed a 10" knife that impaled his face when he fell while playing.

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — A 15-year-old Kansas boy got a large knife to the face, and doctors say he's extremely lucky.

Jimmy Russell said her son,

Eli Gregg, was playing Thursday evening outside of their home in Redfield, about 90 miles (145 kilometers) south of Kansas City, when she heard him

Kansas boy very lucky to survive knife impaling his face

scream. She found him with a 10-inch knife jutting from just below his eye and called 911.

"It looked pretty grim, it was scary," Russell said in a video released by the University of Kansas Health System, where he was treated.

The knife was embedded in his skull and extended to just under his brain. The blade's tip, meanwhile, was pushing against his carotid artery, which supplies the brain with blood.

"It could not have had a pound more force on it and him survive that event," said Dr. Koji Ebersole, who

oversaw the extraction. "I don't think he would have survived it."

A team of surgeons put together an intricate plan to remove the blade Friday morning. They were prepared for possible bleeding into the brain, but the operation went without a hitch and the artery remained intact.

Within 24 hours of the surgery, Eli was able to talk and make light of the situation. He was due to be discharged on Monday.

"He says he is going to stay away from sharp objects," Russell said. "That is very un-

derstandable." She said Eli is doing great and should make a full recovery.

"It is almost a miracle," Russell said. "It is really, really amazing."

The boy is fortunate he ended up in Ebersole's hands, as it was Ebersole who removed a meat skewer from the skull of a 10-year-old Missouri boy last year in an accident that provided equally shocking X-rays. That boy was attacked by yellow jackets in a tree house in Harrisonville, about 35 miles (56 kilometers) south of Kansas City, and fell onto the skewer. □



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Louisiana governor: Upriver floods a disaster for fisheries

By JANET McCONNAUGHEY
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Louisiana's governor says floodwaters from the Midwest are severely hurting people who make their living from coastal seafood, so he's asking the federal government to declare a fisheries disaster for the state.

Floodwaters rushing from the Bonnet Carré Spillway north of New Orleans have killed oysters, hurt fish catches and damaged livelihoods, Gov. John Bel Edwards said in a letter to Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross.

The fresh water has driven crabs, shrimp and fish out of bays and marshes and into saltier water where they can survive. But oysters are stuck — glued to the bottom.

"On a scale of 1 to 10, we are 9-and-a-half destroyed," said Brad Robin, whose family controls about 10,000 acres (4,000 hectares) of oyster leases in Louisiana waters.

The full impact won't be known for some time because the spillway, which protects New Orleans' levees by directing huge amounts of Mississippi River water into usually brackish Lake Pontchartrain, remains open, Edwards said in a letter sent Thursday and released Monday.

If a long-range forecast of little rain holds up, spillway closing might begin in about four weeks, Army Corps of Engineers spokesman Matt Roe said Monday.

Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant asked Ross on May 31 for a fisheries disaster declaration, which would make federal grants, loans and other aid available to affected people. It would open the way for Congress to appropriate money to



In this June 24, 2014 file photo, a worker shucks the last of a small amount of oysters they received for the day at P&J Oyster Co., an oyster distributor, in New Orleans.

help fishermen and businesses that rely on them. For instance, \$200 million was provided last June to help fishing communities recover from Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria in 2017.

Commercial fishing isn't the only thing in trouble, Edwards said, because statewide landings of speckled seatrout and redfish are down.

"Such low catches invariably lead to heavy economic impacts to those businesses that support the recreational fishing industry such as marinas and bait shops," he wrote.

Louisiana's oyster harvest is 80% below average for this time of year and more oysters are expected to die as temperatures rise, according to a preliminary report on the department's website.

Shrimp landings were down 63% and blue crab land-

ings down 45% in April from the five-year average. There's been a drop in the fish catch, but it hasn't reached the statewide average of 35% needed for a federal fisheries disaster declaration, the report says.

"We've been dealing with the river since October," said Acy J. Cooper Jr., president of the Louisiana Shrimp Association "That's a long time it's been high." The die-offs are as bad in Mississippi. Joe Spraggins, executive director of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, said fresh water has killed 80% or more of the state's oysters. He said crabs are down about 40% and brown shrimp landings are down more than 70% from a five-year average.

Marine animals require certain amounts of salt in the water around them. Oysters can tolerate a wide range

of salinity, but a long spell of fresh water coupled with high temperatures can be lethal. Shrimp, crabs and fish simply swim to saltier areas.

Shrimp are now in places only larger boats can reach, Cooper said.

"Some of the big ones are catching a few," he said. "The smaller boats are just catching hell."

In addition, nutrients in river water nourish algae blooms so intense that their decomposition on the sea floor consumes oxygen, creating a dead zone ev-

ery summer for thousands of square miles off the coast. This year's floods could bring a near-record dead zone, scientists have said.

The Mississippi River watershed drains 41% of the continental United States, and the middle of North America has had an awfully wet year.

The prolonged flooding has raised the Mississippi so high for so long that for the first time ever, the Army Corps of Engineers opened the Bonnet Carré (pronounced "Bonnie Carrie") twice this year, displacing Lake Pontchartrain's usually brackish water and flushing out much of the Mississippi Sound. The water is also high to the west, where the Atchafalaya River distributes Mississippi River water through Cajun Country swamps.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration scientists said Friday that they're investigating whether the floodwater and lingering effects of the BP oil spill contributed to the deaths of at least 279 bottlenose dolphins from Louisiana to the Florida Panhandle, triple the usual number for this time of year. The high water may last "well through the summer," Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Assistant Secretary Patrick Banks said Thursday. "The difficulty is," he said, "when will this even be over?" □

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Police: 4 shot, 3 arrested at Raptors rally in Toronto

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Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — Gunfire broke out and a stampede ensued as fans celebrated at a rally Monday for the NBA champion Raptors, leaving four people shot and thousands fleeing less than a block from where the players and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau sat on stage.

Three people were arrested and two guns were recovered, Toronto police said, and investigators did not discuss a possible motive for the attack.

Droves of Raptors fans ran from the shooting in a stampede from the City Hall square, which was packed with tens of thousands of people. Earlier Monday, well over a million fans packed downtown Toronto for a parade for the Raptors, raising concerns about safety and overcrowding as the city celebrated its first major sports title in more than a quarter-century.

Police Chief Mark Saunders said four people suffered gunshot wounds but said none of the injuries were life-threatening. Others suffered minor injuries as they tried to get away from the shooting, said Saunders, who asked for witnesses and people who might have video to come forward and help investigators.

Andrew Singh said he heard what appeared to be gunshots and that a woman



Toronto Police secure the scene after a shots were fired during the Toronto Raptors NBA basketball championship parade in Toronto, Monday, June 17, 2019.

was wounded before people started scrambling. "We just saw the girl drop to the floor and the guy running off," the 29-year-old said. "All I heard was, 'bop bop bop.'"

Asked if it was a targeted shooting or terrorism-related, police spokeswoman Allison Sparkes said the investigation was ongoing. During a speech from one of the team owners, the host of the rally interrupted the proceedings to alert the crowd to an emergency and asked for calm. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Toronto Mayor John Tory, NBA Finals MVP Kawhi Leonard and other players were among those on stage at the time.

"I want to make sure ev-

everyone stays calm," said the host, sportscaster Matt Devlin. "This is serious. Everyone stay calm ... There is an emergency being dealt with."

Those on stage remained in place and speeches resumed shortly after.

Mike Mudidi said he was enjoying the celebration when he heard screams behind him that someone had pulled out a gun. He said he froze as people started running in all directions.

"I just grabbed my buddies' hands and ran," he said.

Raptors fan Phil D'Souza said the violence left a bad taste in his mouth, and he questioned whether he would attend a similar event in the future.

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"You couldn't see the shooter but it was that kind of chaos where you're just expecting to see somebody coming around the corner. It was that kind of vibe," D'Souza said.

Another fan said the stampede was scary.

"When you see a bunch of people coming at you, you don't know what to do, whether to run or not. You don't want to get stampeded over," Sam Sunday said. There were at least four abandoned strollers in the square, indicating parents may have grabbed their children and run. Shoes, clothing and bags were left behind. An entire nearby intersection was cordoned off with police tape.

Tory, the mayor, thanked

police for their quick response and said he was angered by the shooting.

"It is disappointing and I'm sure a source of anger for more than just me that anyone would carry a gun and discharge it at what was otherwise a joyous celebration," Tory said in a statement. "I hope those found responsible will be held to account to the full extent that the law permits. I want to commend and thank the millions of other people who happily and peacefully celebrated our beloved Toronto Raptors."

Tory previously urged every city resident to come celebrate the Raptors' first championship and declared Monday as "We The North Day," after the franchise's slogan.

"Toronto, more than a million of us flooded the streets today to celebrate our Raptors," city councilman Joe Cressy tweeted. "People of all every age, every race, every religion — our City. As awful as the shooting was and terrifying for many in the crowd afterwards, don't let it take away from our moment." Some 1.5 million fans withstood packed conditions to attend the parade. Nicolas Caramanna, 21, said the crowd started to get rowdy shortly after he arrived at 9 a.m.

Many others chose to miss school or work. Cypher Sabanal, 15, said his mom let him skip class to attend the celebration. □

British air force jets in Estonia intercept Russian jets



In this photo taken on Saturday, June 15, 2019, a Royal Air Force Typhoon jet, bottom, flies by a Su-30 Flanker fighter.

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LONDON (AP) — Britain's Royal Air Force said Monday that two of its jets deployed in Estonia have been scrambled twice in recent days to intercept Russian aircraft.

The RAF said the incidents brought the number of intercepts of Russian planes to eight since taking over the Baltic Air Policing mission in May.

There was no comment from Russia on the claim, but the defense ministry said it scrambled Su-27

fighter jets to intercept U.S. B-52 bombers that were approaching the Russian border from the Baltic and Black Seas.

The British Typhoon jets were alerted Friday to intercept a Russian Su-30 Flanker fighter, and passed a Russian military transport craft as it was escorting the fighter over the Baltic Sea. On Saturday, RAF crews intercepted a Su-30 Flanker fighter and an Ilyushin Il-76 Candid transport aircraft traveling north from the Russian enclave of Kalinin-

grad toward Estonian and Finnish airspace. The RAF escorted the aircraft for 15 minutes before handing over responsibility to Finnish aircraft on the airspace boundary.

The Russian Defense Ministry said over the weekend its Baltic Fleet assets were monitoring NATO military drills in the Baltics.

Its statement Monday about the interception of U.S. bombers didn't give precise locations for the incidents or say how many planes were involved. □

Iran says it will break uranium stockpile limit in 10 days

By **NASSER KARIMI**
JON GAMBRELL

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran will break the uranium stockpile limit set by Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers in the next 10 days, the spokesman for the country's atomic agency said Monday while also warning that Iran has the need for uranium enriched up to 20%, just a step away from weapons-grade levels.

The announcement indicated Iran's determination to break from the landmark 2015 accord, which has steadily unraveled since the Trump administration pulled America out of the deal last year and re-imposed tough economic sanctions on Iran, sending its economy into freefall.

The spokesman for Iran's nuclear agency, Behrouz Kamalvandi, made the announcement during a press conference with local journalists at Iran's Arak heavy water facility that was carried live on Iranian state television.

The development comes in the wake of suspected attacks on oil tankers last week in the region, attacks that Washington has blamed on Iran, and also as tensions have spiked between Iran and the United States, a year after President Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew America for the nuclear deal.

The deal was meant to



This Jan. 15, 2011 file photo, shows a part of Arak heavy water nuclear facilities, near the central city of Arak, 150 miles (250 kilometers) southwest of the capital Tehran, Iran.

keep Tehran from building atomic weapons in exchange for economic incentives.

But Trump's pullout and the U.S. campaign of sanctions hammering Iran's anemic economy and blocking its sale of oil on the global market only made life worse, putting further pressure on Iran's Shiite theocracy and its 80 million people.

Kamalvandi acknowledged that the country already quadrupled its production of low-enriched uranium and said Tehran would increase uranium enrichment levels "based on the country's needs."

That increase could be to any level, from 3.67% which

is the current limit set by the nuclear deal.

Iran's needs 5% enrichment for its nuclear power plant in southern Iranian port of Bushehr and it also needs 20% enrichment for a Tehran research reactor, the spokesman said.

In May, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani warned the country would enrich its uranium stockpile closer to weapons-grade levels in 60 days if world powers fail to negotiate new terms for the nuclear deal.

When uranium is mined, it typically has about 140 atoms of an unwanted isotope for every atom of U-235. Refining it to a purity of 3.67%, the level now al-

lowed by the nuclear deal, means removing 114 unwanted atoms of U-238 for every atom of U-235.

Boosting its purity to 20% means removing 22 more unwanted isotopes per atom of U-235, while going from there to 90% purity means removing just four more per atom of U-235. Ninety percent is considered weapons-grade material.

That means going from 20% to 90% is a relatively quicker process, something that worries nuclear nonproliferation experts.

The U.S. alleges Iran used limpet mines to target the tankers last Thursday, pointing to black-and-white

footage it captured that American officials describe as an Iranian Revolutionary Guard vessel removing an unexploded mine from the Japanese-operated tanker Kokuka Courageous, one of the two ships that were targeted.

The Japanese tanker's crewmembers appeared to contradict the assertion that mines were used. They described "flying objects" as having targeted the vessel. Speaking on "Fox News Sunday," U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo reiterated the U.S. official position. He claimed that intelligence officials have "lots of data, lots of evidence" tying Iran to the attacks, though he did not provide any specifics. He called the alleged shipping attacks "an international challenge, important to the entire globe."

In Brussels on Monday, European Union foreign ministers said they were still looking for more information on who might be behind the incident involving the tankers. Germany and others insisted they need a clearer picture before wading into a diplomatic conflict which could have serious implications in the Middle East.

German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said that U.S. and British intelligence needs to be compared with other information from allies. "We have to be very careful," he said. □

EU leader Tusk queried about tax policies as Poland's PM

Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Lawmakers in Poland questioned EU Council president Donald Tusk on Monday for an investigation of tax evasion by private businesses that took place when he was the country's prime minister.

A parliamentary panel that had subpoenaed Tusk quizzed him about his 2007-2014 government's failure to curb illegal business practices dealing with value-added taxes on goods and services. The current government estimates the unlawful practices cost the

state budget billions of zlotys (hundreds of millions of U.S. dollars) in lost revenue. Tusk said the Law and Justice party, which now governs Poland, opposed many of the steps his government proposed to curb abuse of the VAT system, adding that the problem of tax evasion by private businesses has continued since he left office.

He accused the panel of having a political bias that would lead lawmakers to preconceived conclusions about his allegedly poor performance as prime minister. Tusk said he appeared

out of respect for the Polish state. Government critics alleged the questioning was part of the right-wing ruling party's efforts to discredit Tusk and his circle, the leading rivals of Law and Justice. Party members comprise a majority on the tax evasion panel.

The ruling party lawmaker leading the panel, Marcin Horala, said before Tusk's formal appearance started that there was "supposition" he had insufficient control as prime minister over law enforcement agencies or failed to take proper action. □



European People's Party member and Candidate for the next president of the European Commission, Germany's Manfred Weber is welcomed by European Council President Donald Tusk ahead to a meeting on EU top jobs at the Europa building in Brussels, Thursday, June 13, 2019.

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Egypt's ousted president Morsi dies in court during trial

By **SAMY MAGDY**

Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's former president, Mohammed Morsi, the Muslim Brotherhood leader who rose to office in the country's first free elections in 2012 and was ousted a year later by the military, collapsed in court during a trial and died Monday, state TV and his family said.

The 67-year-old Morsi had just addressed the court, speaking from the glass cage he is kept in during sessions and warning that he had "many secrets" he could reveal, a judicial official said. A few minutes afterward, he collapsed in the cage, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the press.

In his final comments, he continued to insist he was Egypt's legitimate president, demanding a special tribunal, one of his defense lawyers, Kamel Madour told the Associated Press. State TV said Morsi died before he could be taken to the hospital.

The Brotherhood accused the government of "assassinating" Morsi through years of poor prison conditions during which he was often kept in solitary and barred from visits. Egypt's chief prosecutor said a team of forensic experts would examine Morsi's body to determine the cause of his death.

It was a dramatic end for a figure who was central in the twists and turns taken by Egypt since its "revolution" — the pro-democracy uprising that in 2011 ousted the country's longtime authoritarian leader, Hosni Mubarak.

Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood, Egypt's most powerful Islamist group, won the elections held after Mubarak's fall, considered the first free votes the country had seen. First, they gained a majority in parliament, then Morsi squeaked to victory in presidential elections held in 2012, becoming the first civilian to hold the office.

Critics accused the Brotherhood of seeking to mo-

nopolize power, enshrine an Islamist constitution and using violence against op-

ponent militant group. Morsi was held in a special wing in Tora nicknamed Scorpion

his detention which exceeded 5 years, prevented medicine and provided

erhood and instead rose through its ranks as an efficient, if lackluster, loyalist. The group only put him forward as its presidential candidate in 2012 after a more prominent and powerful figure, Khairat al-Shatter, was declared ineligible to run.

When elected, he made gestures toward the secular pro-democracy activists who led the 2011 Arab Spring uprising. But over the course of the year, opponents accused his Brotherhood of hijacking the revolution and using elections to entrench their own control. Major protests erupted, particularly over the process of writing a new constitution in which critics said the Brotherhood was sidelining other factions and allowing Islamists to write a charter largely on their terms.

Brotherhood supporters cracked down violently on some protests.

Still, the Brotherhood never managed to control all levers of power, facing opposition within courts and in the powerful security forces. As protests grew, the military stepped in: Army commandos took him and other Brotherhood leaders into custody.

The subsequent crackdown has all but completely dismantled the Brotherhood, with hundreds killed and thousands imprisoned, with most other active figures fleeing abroad.

Throughout his trials, Morsi insisted he remained Egypt's legitimate president. In early court sessions he gave angry speeches until judges ordered him kept in a glass cage during sessions where they could turn off his audio.

In audio leaked from a 2017 session of one of his trials, Morsi complained that he was "completely isolated" from the court, unable to see or hear his defense team, his eyes pained by lighting inside the cage.

"I don't know where I am," he is heard saying in the audio.

"It's steel behind steel and glass behind glass. The reflection of my image makes me dizzy." □



In this July 13, 2012 photo, Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi holds a news conference with Tunisian President Moncef Marzouki, at the Presidential palace in Cairo, Egypt.

Associated Press

ponents, and soon massive protests grew against their rule. In July 2013, the military — led by then-Defense Minister, Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi — ousted Morsi, dissolved parliament and eventually banned the Brotherhood as a "terrorist group."

El-Sissi was elected president and re-elected in 2018 in votes human rights groups sharply criticized as undemocratic.

He was waged a ferocious crackdown that crushed the Brotherhood but also almost all other dissent, arresting tens of thousands, banning protests and silencing most criticism in the media, while the military has come to dominate politics behind the scenes.

Since his ouster, Morsi and other Brotherhood leaders have been in prison, put on multiple and lengthy trials. Morsi was sentenced to 20 years in prison on charges of ordering Brotherhood members to break up a protest against him, resulting in deaths. Multiple cases are still pending. Monday's session was part of a retrial, being held inside Cairo's Tora Prison, on charges of espionage with the Palestinian Hamas

Prison. Rights groups say its poor conditions fall far below Egyptian and international standards. Morsi was known to suffer from diabetes.

Sarah Leah Whitson, Middle East director with the Human Rights Watch, said in a tweet that Morsi's death was "terrible but entirely predictable" given the government "failure to allow him adequate medical care, much less family visits."

Morsi's son, Ahmed, confirmed the death of his father in a Facebook post, saying, "We will meet again with God."

Mohammed Sudan, leading member of the Muslim Brotherhood in London, said Morsi was banned from receiving medicine or visits and there was little information about his health condition.

"This is premeditated murder. This is slow death."

Freedom and Justice, the Brotherhood's political arm, said in a statement on its Facebook page that prison conditions led to Morsi's death in what amounted to "assassination."

"They placed him in solidarity confinement throughout

poor food," it said. "They prevented doctors and lawyers and even communicating with his family. They deprived him from the simplest human rights."

The judicial official said Morsi had asked to speak to the court during Monday's session. The judge permitted it, and Morsi gave a speech saying he had "many secrets" that, if he told them, he would be released, but he added that he wasn't telling them because it would harm Egypt's national security. Madour, the defense lawyer, said Morsi spoke for around five minutes before collapsing inside the cage. "He was very calm and organized.

He summarized our argument in three to five minutes. He insisted on a special tribunal as he is the president of the republic," Madour said.

A spokesman for the Interior Ministry did not answer calls seeking comment.

Morsi, an engineer who studied at the University of Southern California, was an unlikely figure to be thrust into Egypt's central stage. He was never considered a major thinker in the Broth-

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State media say Chinese President Xi to visit North Korea

By **YANAN WANG**
Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese President Xi Jinping will make a state visit to North Korea this week, state media announced Monday, as U.S. talks with North Korea on its nuclear program are at an apparent standstill.

Xi will meet with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un during the visit on Thursday and Friday, Chinese state broadcaster CCTV said. It said the trip will be the first by a Chinese president in 14 years.

North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency also announced the visit, but provided no further details.

The visit coincides with the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and North Korea, CCTV said. The broadcaster added the leaders will exchange views on the situation on the Korean Peninsula.



In this June 19, 2018, file photo released by China's Xinhua News Agency, Chinese President Xi Jinping, right, poses with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un for a photo during a welcome ceremony at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

Associated Press

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The visit comes as negotiations between the U.S. and North Korea appear to have reached an impasse. A summit in Vietnam in February between Kim and President Donald Trump failed after the U.S. rejected North Korea's request for extensive relief from U.N. sanctions in exchange for dismantling its main nuclear

complex, a partial disarmament step. Since the summit's breakdown, no major contacts between the U.S. and North Korea have been announced. Kim traveled to the Russian Far East in April for a meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin. The move was viewed as aimed at strengthening his leverage over Washington and per-

suading Moscow to loosen its implementation of the international sanctions against North Korea.

Last month, North Korea fired short-range missiles and other weapons into the sea in an apparent effort to apply pressure on the U.S.

KCNA reported in April that Kim said he will give the U.S. "till the end of the year" to reach out with further proposals.

Since taking office in 2012, Xi has met with Kim four times in China. The meetings were timed in proximity to Kim's meetings with Trump and South Korean President Moon Jae-in, highlighting Beijing's role as a key player in the nuclear standoff. Beijing has long advocated a "dual suspension" approach in which North Korea would halt its nuclear and missile activities while the U.S. and South Korea cease large-scale joint military exercises. Chinese political scholar

Zhang Lifan said the aim of Xi's trip is likely not to make any breakthroughs, but rather to remind other countries of China's unique position.

Zhang said Beijing may be seeking to gain leverage ahead of a G-20 summit in Japan later this month and reassert itself as a global player amid growing concerns over its economy.

"North Korea is a card for China to play," Zhang said. "China may want to show off its relationship with North Korea and demonstrate its importance to U.S.-North Korean relations."

South Korea's presidential office said it hopes Xi's visit to North Korea will contribute to a swift resumption of negotiations to resolve the nuclear standoff. It said it has been engaging in discussions with Beijing over the possibility of a visit by Xi, which it views as a positive development in efforts to peacefully resolve the peninsula's issues. □

Kenya patient free of Ebola, as Congo, Uganda fight outbreak

By **TOM ODULA**
Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Kenya remains free from Ebola as test results show that a sick woman does not have the deadly hemorrhagic fever, while neighboring Uganda and Congo battle a stubborn outbreak of the disease.

Kenya's Health Minister Sicily Kariuki Monday announced that a patient isolated at the Kericho County Referral Hospital does not have Ebola.

"The results of tests carried out by the Kenya Medical Research Institute laborato-

ries on the 36-year-old lady currently admitted in the isolation unit of the Kericho County Referral hospital have been confirmed to be negative for the Ebola virus disease and other hemorrhagic fevers," Kariuki said in a statement.

The woman showed some symptoms of Ebola after travelling from Malaba on the Kenya-Uganda border, sparking fears that Congo's current outbreak had spread to Kenya. The outbreak in eastern Congo has killed more than 1,400 people since August and last week it spread to neigh-



Kenya's health minister Sicily Kariuki speaks to the media about measures the government is taking to prevent Ebola, at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi, Kenya Monday, June 17, 2019.

Associated Press

boring Uganda where two people died.

Kenya's health minister had earlier given assur-

ances that all appropriate measures had been taken to prevent the spread of Ebola.

"Precautionary measures have been put in place including isolation of the patient," said Kariuki, while touring the Nairobi international airport to see how arriving passengers are screened for symptoms of fever.

The two victims in Uganda were part of a Congolese-Ugandan family who are believed to have contracted the disease at a funeral in Congo that was attended by dozens of people. □

Mexico to target human smugglers in immigration crackdown

By MARIA VERZA
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Associated Press

CIUDAD HIDALGO, Mexico (AP) — Mexico's government on Monday highlighted the weekend "rescue" of nearly 800 migrants packed into semi-trailers, calling the operation a message that authorities are getting serious about combatting human smuggling.

Foreign Affairs Secretary Marcelo Ebrard said more than 150 of the 785 migrants found inside the double trailers of four semis Saturday in the Gulf coast state of Veracruz were children. On Saturday, Mexico's immigration authority initially put the number at 791. The reason for the discrepancy was not immediately clear. "We can't allow human trafficking," Ebrard said, contending that for many years it was tolerated by Mexican officials. "We might be experiencing one of the greatest human trafficking (situations) in the world."

His comments came as Mexico continued to roll out the deployment of some 6,000 national guardsmen to the southern border.

Mexico is racing to lower the number of Central American migrants arriving at the U.S. border. The government of President Andrés Manuel López Obrador promised to reduce the flow in order to avoid



A truck carrying soldiers wearing armbands identifying them as Naval Police leaves after driving along the river front track where rafts ferry unregulated people and goods to and from Guatemala, in Ciudad Hidalgo, Mexico, Monday, June 17, 2019.

crippling tariffs on Mexican imports threatened by U.S. President Donald Trump. Military police, who will be among the initial agents of the newly created National Guard, began appearing along the Suchiate river in Ciudad Hidalgo across the border from Guatemala over the weekend.

By Monday it appeared they were already having some impact.

Tomas Leyva, a 65-year-old construction worker turned pastor from El Salvador, was preparing to board a raft back to Guatemala.

He had re-entered Mexico by raft Sunday just days af-

ter being deported. When he tried to apply for asylum in Mexico they said he was ineligible because he had entered illegally. On Monday, Leyva planned to return to Guatemala and then cross to Mexico via the bridge and immigration controls.

"Now the situation is more serious, more strict, because the soldiers who were there yesterday weren't there before," said Leyva, who fled San Salvador after a gang threatened his life. "What they're doing is having an effect because they're detaining a lot of people, but it's not

going to stop. There (in El Salvador) they say better killed by the gringos than by the gangsters."

Ebrard, the foreign affairs secretary, said Saturday's human smuggling incident in Veracruz was a rescue because the migrants could have suffocated inside the trailers.

Each of the migrants was paying \$3,500 to be smuggled to the United States and some paid \$5,000 to be entitled to a second attempt if caught, Ebrard said.

He estimated the entire value of the truck caravan's human cargo at more than

\$3.5 million (69 million pesos) and said the smugglers were going to pay roughly \$500,000 to \$800,000 in "commissions" to ensure the migrants' free passage. Bribes are traditionally paid along the route to authorities, but also to organized crime groups that control territory, especially at Mexico's northern border with the US and charge smugglers for each migrant they cross.

While caravans of thousands of Central American migrants walking up highways in southern Mexico drew the fury of U.S. President Donald Trump last year, the bulk of the region's migration has always existed in the shadows. And those who live at Mexico's southern border believe sending national guardsmen there to make it more difficult for migrants to cross will only be a boon to the human smugglers.

On Sunday, a guardsman working a highway checkpoint near the town of Comitán in southern Mexico said his orders under the new operation were to try to identify human smugglers, in addition to the usual mission of looking for drugs and weapons. The military presence there did not appear to be much greater than in previous weeks, but the soldiers were now wearing armbands indicating they were part of the National Guard. □

Brazil's Moro questions authenticity of leaked messages



In this photo released by Brazil's Presidential Press Office, Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro, right, and Justice Minister Sergio Moro attend a military ceremony in Brasilia, Brazil, Tuesday, June 11, 2019.

Associated Press

By MARCELO SILVA DE SOUSA

Associated Press
RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) —

Brazil's justice minister on Saturday questioned the authenticity of leaked personal messages published by a news website that appear to show him when he was still a judge improperly advising prosecutors in a case against former President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva.

The Intercept posted purported chats between then-judge Sergio Moro and ex-prosecutor Carlos Dos Santos Lima in which Moro offers strategy advice to the prosecutor in the

corruption case against da Silva. According to the website, the conversation suggests Moro acted "as an informal coordinator" of the prosecution in the judicial process that led to da Silva's conviction for receiving a beachfront apartment as a bribe.

The website said Moro at one point suggested the prosecutors release a statement highlighting contradictions in da Silva's declaration.

The conviction ended da Silva's 2018 presidential run and Moro went on to become justice minister in President Jair Bolsonaro's

government. A statement from the Justice Ministry, led by Moro, said it did not recognize the authenticity of the messages. It said the messages were leaked because of a "criminal invasion by hackers." Moro and prosecutors deny any wrongdoing, but the Brazilian Bar Association has called for the suspension of the minister and others pending an inquiry.

On Thursday, Bolsonaro offered words of support for his justice minister, saying Moro's accomplishments in the sprawling Car Wash investigation have "no price." □

LOCAL



Aruba is getting ready for 5th annual Barista Championship Experience

ORANJESTAD: - There is a lot of work that goes into preparing a perfect Starbucks beverage and Starbucks baristas know this very well. Whether it be an espresso, a latte, a cappuccino or a Flat White all beverages are handcrafted by baristas that pour their passion and pride to showcase their skills and elevate each beverage's quality.

This month, 2,000 Starbucks baristas from 16 countries across Latin America and the Caribbean will be participating in National Starbucks Barista Championship competitions, which first stage takes place in their respective stores, then within their district and finally at National level. Ultimately, 11 champions – representing the best of the best – from Starbucks LATAM (Latin America) have the opportunity to share their passion for quality and barista craft at the 5th annual Barista Championship Experience, this year held in Costa Rica.

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elevate the coffee experience as the passion that is poured into every beverage is unquestionable," emphasized Ricardo Rico vp and general manager Latin America & Caribbean at Starbucks. "We have young leaders who are passionately sharing their story with others over coffee—they will mark the difference in their countries as they all have dreams and are enthusiastically looking on how to make them come true".

The week-long event will be celebrating the champions

while inspiring and equipping them to be leaders in coffee craft and customer connections at their stores. The champions will also have the opportunity to experience firsthand the entire coffee journey- from planting a coffee tree at the Pablo Aco coffee farm, to perfecting their barista skills showcasing their latte art.

Get to know the 2019 Starbucks Aruba & Curacao Barista Champions. From Aruba, Mistika Moncion Cork representing Starbucks Mall. Mistika is a

barista since July 2012; her favorite drink is the Chai Latte with vanilla. Also, Reginald Janga representing Starbucks Marketplace. Reginald is a barista since 2012; his favorite drink is the Cold Brew White Mocha with half & half. And, Marlene Erwich representing Starbucks Marriott. Marlene is a barista since August 2018, her favorite drink is flat white. Last but not least, Govan Quandus representing Starbucks Paseo Herencia. Govan is a barista since 2016; his favorite drink is Vanilla/ hazelnut 3 Ristretto shot latte. From

Curacao we'll have Juan Daniel Cerallo Valdez. Juan is a barista since April 2018; his favorite drink is the Vanilla Flat White. And, Norenis Overman. Norenis is a barista since June 2017; her favorite drink is the White Chocolate Mocha.

Starbucks Aruba & Curacao would like to invite you to be part of this year final Barista Championship where Aruba & Curacao barista winner will compete among each other on Wednesday June 19th at Starbucks Renaissance Mall as of 10 am. ☐

Watch Out For Blue Crab Migration near Savaneta



SAVANETA — The department of nature & environment in Aruba are urging motorists to watch out for blue crabs crossing the road in Pos Chiquito to make their way to the ocean.

They added a new bright yellow road sign with "Land Crab Crossing" to remind people to be cautious while driving on the highway on Pos Chiquito with blue crabs. Blue crabs in Aruba are found plenty near the beach areas, especially in Pos Chiquito, because of the amount of mangroves. They are known to dig holes deep in the beach sand in seek of humidity.

The diet of blue crabs consists of decomposed trees, insects, scorpions and rest of dead animals.

Nesting season for blue crabs is between June & July.

Why protect blue crabs?

Because they are of high value for the ecology of the mangroves. Conserving the blue crabs are crucial for the preservation of mangroves. Watch out for crossing blue crabs on the highway near Pos Chiquito & Santo Largo. ☐



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The Aruban way of life since 1678

Episode XXIII

From a previous episode, a relevant passage in the 1678 Dutch version of Exquemeli's vicissitudes, it appears that in his time Spanish was still spoken here. Next to nothing has been published about the origin of Papiamentu, but it is assumed that this mixed language originated with the arrival of the Castilians, mainly because of the broken Spanish natives from Aruba where combined with their own.

The next influx of Africans also made it more accessible for those higher on the socially scale, since Aruban natives were employed in the beginning and where who directed the first Africans in the broken Spanish they talked. Father Schabel, himself an excellent speaker of Spanish, says that in his time, after 1704, broken or corrupted Spanish was also heard on Curacao. This was probably of the more and more influx of Aruban natives speaking a mix of Spanish and Arawak. Already before this date it was made a requirement for outgoing ministers to speak Spanish in order to be able to work successfully among the Amerindians of Aruba. As the number of Africans increased, the language of the natives were rapidly adopted by the Portuguese speaking Jews and their slaves. This is how Papiamentu got a support and starts to develop in what it has become today. The European families coming to Curacao already spoke Papiamentu after one generation, the younger members being brought up by native Jaja's or nany's had its influence on their lexicon. The few Europeans and their slaves coming to Aruba brought new words to the Aruban Papiamentu. The vicinity of the continent and family ties, kept the more distinctive Spanish Amerindian elements to the Aruban Papiamentu. After 1816 the number of those speaking Papiamentu rapidly went up, the Indians themselves dying out, or marrying into the non-Arawak speakers of Papiamentu and adopting this idiom as their own.

First class Island

On 20 September 1674 the second West India Company took over the possessions of the old one. Aruba, too, came to the new Company as a "dependency" of Curacao. For the history of the island this change would be of no significance if this second company had not divided the islands mentioned in its charter into two classes.

To the first class belonged the islands which had in actual fact been occupied by its predecessor, among which were Curacao, Bonaire, and Aruba. The second class comprised all other coasts and regions referred to in the 1621



Pic. 1. Natives kids on donkeys

charter, among whose number were also St.Eustatius, Saba, and St.Martin, and all other Caribbean islands. The new company only possessed a monopoly to carry on trade with the first class territories, those of the second class being open to all Dutch ships against payments of the dues conceded to the Company in the charter. Practically this division into classes did not affect Aruba's position. The second West India Company, too, left the island to its own resources. Undefended it lay open to every attacker.

Free booters on Aruba

Buccaneers and smugglers from time to time brought some change to the quiet life of Aruba's two hundred odd inhabitants. Horse-breeding from Spanish times, was continued by the Company. The animals formed one of the attractions luring on French and English privateers; Bonaire and Curacao, where horses were bred as well on Bonaire at least as many as on Aruba-were garrisoned.

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Pic. 3. An 1808 satiric poster of free booters



Pic. 4. A naval free booters battle for supremacy

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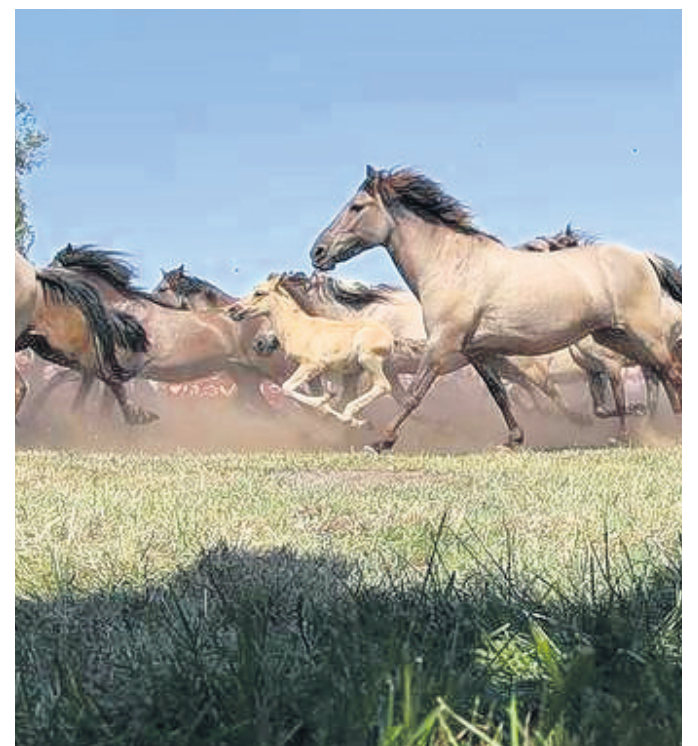
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The attack supposed to have been made by French filibusters at the beginning of the seven-teenth century, so at about the same time when the first Dutchmen came here, cannot be historically proven. Traditions, however, preserve the memory of a fight between the Aruban Indians and the French privateers on the spot alleged to have been named Rooi Frances in commemoration of this event. When in the years after 1824 the Rev.Bosch paid his visits to Aruba the collector Croes showed him a cave in which the bones and skulls of the Indians were still lying about. Croes told the minister that he had already twice been in the cave, first about 1800, when the skeletons were still intact. Later he had conducted Father Jacobus Schinck O.F.M. there. This must consequently have been before 1809, for after this date Father Schinck paid no more visits to Aruba. He "had the odd fancy to wrench the teeth from the jaw-bones, and to take them with him in a little bag". Through this procedure the skeletons had been moved and fallen asunder. A.J. van Koolwijk as late as 1880 also saw here "half-decayed bones" of grown-ups and children some 8 or 10 persons in all. □



Pic. 6. Frenchmans pass and the Spanish lagoon area today

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Pic. 5 wild aruba horses

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Sea turtle

ORANJESTAD — Turtugaruba was founded on September 3rd, 2003 by a group of enthusiastic volunteers. Ten years earlier, in 1993, a Sea Turtle Recovery Action Plan (STRAP) was introduced in Aruba and the rest of the Caribbean as an initiative of the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP). Tom Barmes, who was working at DLVV (Department of Agriculture, Husbandry and Fishery) was one of the writers of the STRAP for Aruba, together with Karen Eckert, director of WIDECAST (Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network). This is how sea turtle conservation started on the island following a plan that is still complied with today.

Tom formed a group of volunteers around him, because nature does not know office hours, like an organization such as DLVV. This group of volunteers used the name Widecast Aruba and today there are still a few of them active. They first started protecting the Leatherback Sea Turtle nests on Palm Beach and Eagle Beach. This group also investigated which other species of sea turtles use Aruba as their nesting habitat and which beaches are used by them. For a period of 25 years a study has been conducted in which every early morning the beach was being monitored in which now there is a good overview of sea turtle nesting activities.

There are 4 different sea turtle species that visit Aruba to lay their eggs, each with their own specific season:

- Leatherback Sea Turtle - Lederschildpad - Driekiel (March – September)
- Loggerhead Sea Turtle - Dikkopschildpad - Cawama (May – September)
- Hawksbill Sea Turtle - Karetschildpad - Caret (June – December)
- Green Turtle - Soepschildpad - Turtuga Blanco (July-November)

There also came a better understanding and overview of the biggest threats to the sea turtles existence in Aruba and how these problems should be tackled. Despite hard work, all those years, most problems have not really gone away, but luckily and thanks to the enormous efforts from the volunteers, the sea turtles are still here. On Aruba the sea turtles are threatened with extinction by pollution, driving on dunes and beaches with quads and 4x4's and the loss of nesting beaches due to coastal development on behalf of tourism. Because



coastal development comes with artificial light and artificial light is a mayor issue for sea turtles, mother turtle usually comes on shore at night looking for a dark beach to make her nest. However... a dark beach is hard to find here nowadays. Light causes stress and can result in her returning to the sea without laying her eggs. Artificial light causes disorientation for the baby sea turtles (hatchlings).

They crawl towards artificial light sources (like streetlights, hotel lights, etc.) and then they don't find the sea. In the 90's it was still a common occurrence to find a complete nest of about 70 hatchlings on the streets, dead, as cars drove over them. Thanks to their protection methods and a lot of time and effort, the volunteers of Turtugaruba have managed to get this under control. But for a sustainable solution there must be less light visible on the beaches and a strict regulation of it. Sea turtles simply need dark nesting beaches for their survival. It is clear that even more coastal development would not make the situation better for the sea turtles. Again, more hotel rooms? And even busier beaches? These are choices Aruba has to make. Do we want to leave a place for the sea turtles? Not only Aruba, but the entire world needs sea turtles! Sea turtles play a vital role in keeping our oceans healthy.

The Green Turtle, for example, keeps the sea

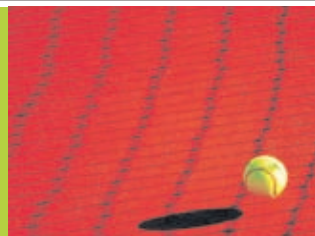
grasses on the bottom of the sea short and therefore a healthy place for many fish to deposit their eggs. The Leatherback, the largest turtle of the world, eats mainly jellyfish and helps maintain the balance between jellyfish and plankton. Despite the threats that exist on Aruba, the turtles still keep coming. That's why today Turtugaruba is especially proud of the volunteers and the many people and organizations of our community that carry a warm place in their hearts for the sea turtles. All four species are active now, which means all hands on deck in the field for us, the volunteers. We strive to keep the sea turtles, our oldest 'repeat guests', always coming back to Aruba and get the chance to reproduce here.

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For more information visit the facebook page Turtugaruba Foundation. □

SPORTS



United States' Carli Lloyd celebrates after scoring the opening goal during the Women's World Cup Group F soccer match between the United States and Chile at the Parc des Princes in Paris, Sunday, June 16, 2019.

Associated Press

Lloyd's tiny golf clap delivers big message from U.S. women

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — Carli Lloyd had just scored on an 18-yard volley to put the United States ahead 11 minutes in against Chile.

After leaping, pumping a fist and hugging teammate Lindsey Horan, she raised both hands chin high and made four tiny pitter-patter claps, the type seen more frequently at Pebble Beach than Parc des Princes.

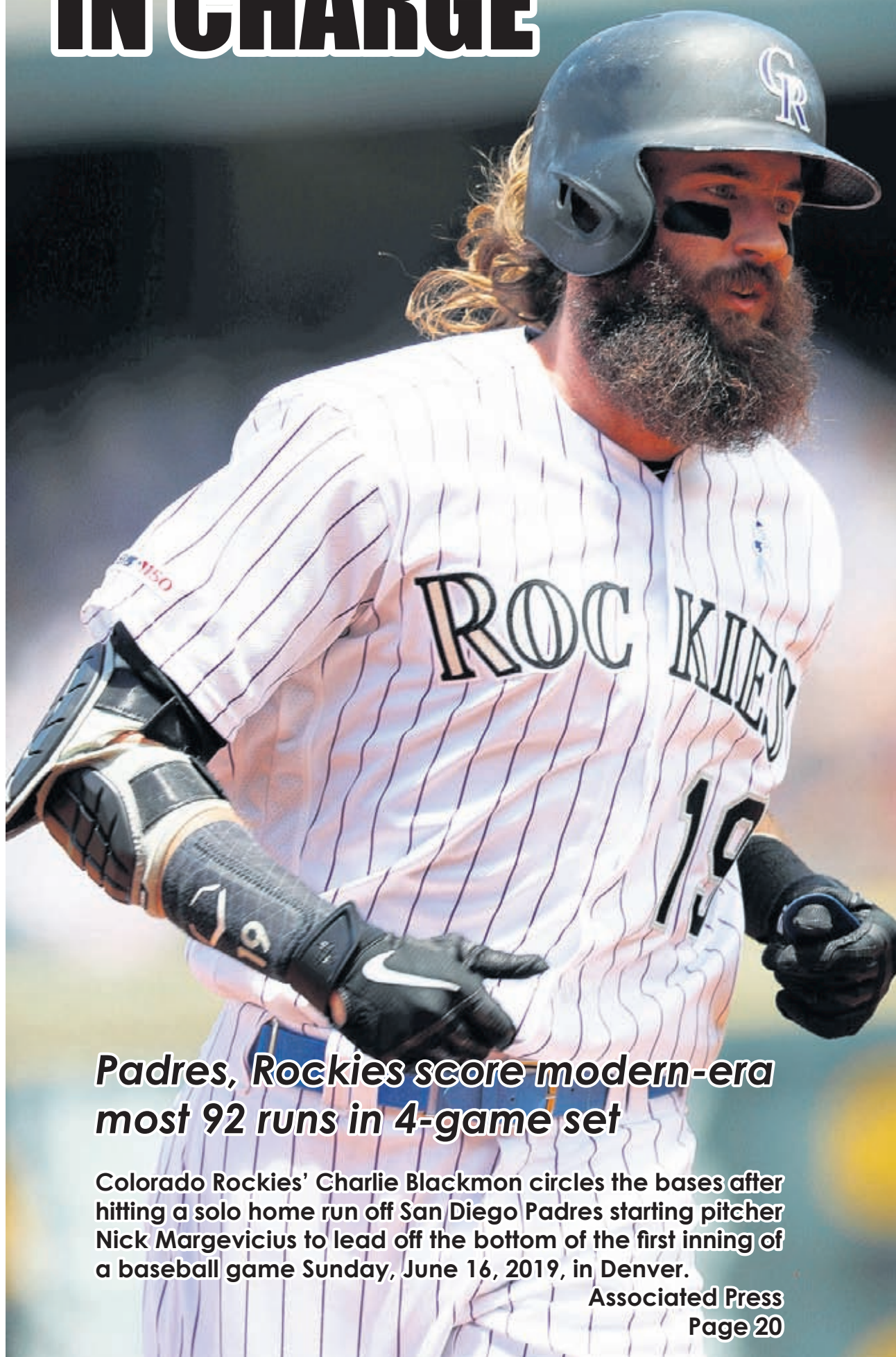
A message? You bet.

Easy wins and lots of goals are par for the course when it comes to the U.S. women's soccer team.

"I can't take credit for it. I'm not sure if Lindsey is taking credit for it," Lloyd said after a 3-0 victory Sunday night advanced the U.S. to the round of 16.

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CHARLIE IN CHARGE



Padres, Rockies score modern-era most 92 runs in 4-game set

Colorado Rockies' Charlie Blackmon circles the bases after hitting a solo home run off San Diego Padres starting pitcher Nick Margenivicius to lead off the bottom of the first inning of a baseball game Sunday, June 16, 2019, in Denver.

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Analysis: Woodland gets his game-winning shot at U.S. Open

By **DOUG FERGUSON**

AP Golf Writer

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP)

— The stage was among the best in the land. Thousands were watching him. Victory was in his grasp. Gary Woodland didn't just dream of such a moment, he genuinely expected it would happen.

Just not like this.

Woodland always imagined being at Allen Fieldhouse, not Pebble Beach. He had a basketball in his hands, not a putter.

"I always believed I would be successful. I believed I would play professional sports. I always believed I would be in this moment," Woodland said Sunday night, the silver U.S. Open trophy at his side. "The question about if I ever dreamed of making the putt on the last hole of a U.S. Open when I was a kid? No, I didn't. But I hit a lot of game-winning shots on the basketball court when I was a kid. And that's what I did."

His winning shot at Pebble Beach was more like a breakaway dunk in the final seconds with the outcome already secure.

Woodland took care of that with two shots that will stay with him forever. One was a 3-wood from 263 yards that his caddie, Brennan Little, gave him confidence to hit when so much could have gone wrong if he had hit it any other direction except where he was aiming. That set up birdie for a two-shot lead, and that shot gave him belief to execute



Gary Woodland poses with the trophy after winning the U.S. Open Championship golf tournament Sunday, June 16, 2019, in Pebble Beach, Calif.

another that looked equally dangerous. From far right side of the hourglass green on the par-3 17th to a pin 90 feet away on the left — with a hump in the middle — Woodland clipped a 64-degree wedge so perfectly that it nearly went in and left a tap-in for par.

That was the game-winning shot.

That was Kansas winning the NCAA title, and beating a dynasty in the process.

Woodland's clutch play — he tied a U.S. Open record by making only four bogeys all week — was enough to turn back Brooks Koepka and his bid to rally from four shots behind and win a third straight U.S. Open to tie the record Willie Anderson set in 1905.

That it was Koepka who provided the last challenge was only fitting.

Koepka has emerged as the greatest threat in majors, and even a runner-up finish did not change that. He won the PGA Championship (for the second straight year) and was runner-up in the Masters and the U.S. Open. Since returning from an ankle injury in 2016, he has eight top 10s in 11 majors, four of them victories. Koepka also faced an athletic figure just as unflappable in Woodland.

Woodland rarely showed any emotion during a week that afforded plenty of opportunities. He was fired up about a par save on No. 8 in the second round. He slammed his fist when he chipped in for par on the

13th hole in the third round. And he let it all hang out — and only then — after his 30-foot birdie putt to close out the U.S. Open. More than a 69, it gave him a 13-under 271, the lowest score in six U.S. Opens at Pebble Beach.

That was by design. He learned from the reactive sports he played — basketball and baseball — that emotion can help. Golf? Not so much.

"Out here, when I get a little excited, I need to find a way to calm myself down," he said.

The basketball references will stay with Woodland, and that's OK with him. They were real. He was all-state as a senior, but when he didn't get any Division I offers, he signed with Wash-

burn. His first game was in Allen Fieldhouse.

"They were ranked No. 1 in Division I, and we were ranked No. 2 in Division II," Woodland said. "I was guarding Kirk Hinrich, and was like, 'OK, I need to find something else because this ain't gonna work.' And that was my first game in college."

He transferred to Kansas, the first time he focused solely on golf.

Woodland is 35, but it's fair to call him a late bloomer. He could always hit the ball a long way — that came from his baseball days — but the polish came later. His first year on the PGA Tour was interrupted by a shoulder injury.

"I don't think my game is where it needs to be, but it's getting there," he said. "I'm becoming a more complete player. I have more shots. I can rely more on my putting, rely on my short game, things I couldn't do even last year."

He doesn't use that as an excuse.

Woodland felt he should have won more than the three PGA Tour titles he had until winning the U.S. Open, including an opposite-field event because he wasn't eligible for a World Golf Championship.

He didn't have the pedigree of some players groomed for golf since they were barely out of diapers. But he knew how to compete.

"I competed all my life at every sport and every level," Woodland said. □

Konta makes seamless transition from clay to grass

BIRMINGHAM, England (AP)

— Johanna Konta made a seamless transition from clay to grass on Monday, beating Anett Kontaveit 6-4, 6-2 at the Nature Valley Classic in her first match since the French Open semifinals.

Konta is only ranked two places higher than No. 20 Kontaveit, but played at a high level throughout and wrapped up victory in an hour and 12 minutes at the warm-up event for Wimbledon.



Britain's Johanna Konta plays a shot against Marketa Vondrousova of the Czech Republic during their semifinal match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Friday, June 7, 2019.

Associated Press

Konta, Britain's leading female player, reached her third Grand Slam semifinal at Roland Garros, where she lost in straight sets to Marketa Vondrousova.

Two of the highest seeds were defeated in the first round in Birmingham, with Elina Svitolina and Aryna Sabalenka both losing in three sets.

The fourth-seeded Svitolina, who has been struggling with a knee injury, lost 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 to Margarita Gasparyan.

Sabalenka, the fifth seed, showed her frustration after losing a break advantage in the final set to go down 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (1) to Hsieh Su-wei.

Top-ranked Naomi Osaka plays her first match on Tuesday against Maria Sakkari of Greece, and has acknowledged she is still "not really that comfortable" on grass.

Osaka has yet to make it past the third round at Wimbledon. □

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U.S. women

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"She had told me if we score, that's what we're going to do so I just went along with it after I did my little celebration But it was fun. I think it made a statement on the sideline there. It was cool."

A record-setting 13-0 rout of Thailand that opened the tournament for the Americans sparked a debate back home. Celebration had not been discussed this much since Kool & the Gang. Some cried poor sportsmanship. Others argued players shouldn't be asked to let up on soccer's biggest stage.

All the harrumphing was heard across the Atlantic. "I guess we could have just passed it around the back for a million times, but that's boring. That's disrespectful to everyone: fans, ourselves" said 33-year-old Megan Rapinoe, the pink-haired veteran famous for

running to a corner flag and screaming "Born in the USA" into a television microphone after goal against Colombia in the 2011 World Cup.

"The only thing you ask of an athlete really is to put it all out there and do the best you can. It's not in our DNA ever."

Coach Jill Ellis speculated Lloyd's inspiration was her spouse, professional golfer Brian Hollins.

"I'm guessing it was a shout-out to her husband," Ellis said.

Horan said Emily Sonnett, a 25-year-old defender at her first World Cup, suggested responses. Trolling critics was the goal.

"We decided to do something different today," Horan said with an impish smile. "Handshakes were part of it. Golf clap was part of it."

Only the standout play of goalkeeper Christiane Endler lowered the Ameri-



United States' Carli Lloyd, center, celebrates with Lindsey Horan and Tiarna Davidson, right, after scoring the opening goal during the Women's World Cup Group F soccer match between the United States and Chile at the Parc des Princes in Paris, Sunday, June 16, 2019.

cans' offensive output from Wonder Woman levels to the mere mundane. The U.S. peppered Chile with 26 shots to one for the South Americans, raising the U.S. margin to 65-3 over two matches that seemed more training than tests. Alyssa Naeher, the Americans' new World Cup goalkeeper, was noticeable only when an unmarked Carla Guerrero redirected Claudia Soto's free kick

past her midway through the first half. Guerrero was called offside.

More Americans were in the tournament-high crowd of 45,594 that filled Parc des Princes than walked around Sunday in Paris, Kentucky, or Texas. Quite different from the stands 21 years and one day earlier, when Germany beat the U.S. men 2-0 on the very same field in the Americans' 1998 World

Cup opener on goals by Andreas Möller and Jürgen Klinsmann.

Fans clad in red, white and blue jammed the Metro hours before kickoff, streaming on the No. 9 line at Trocadero, Republique and Richelieu-Drouot and emerging on at Porte de Saint-Cloud on the sunny afternoon.

"We're in France, and yet we felt like we had a home game," said Lloyd, at 36-year-old the oldest woman with a multi-goal World Cup match.

Despite their second easy win, the Americans maintained there was no reason to chill: Thailand is ranked 34th in the world and Chile is 39th. The Americans need a win or draw against No. 9 Sweden on Thursday in order to win the group. A victory likely means a second-round matchup against No. 13 Spain or No. 16 China, which would put the U.S. on track for a quarterfinal matchup against fourth-ranked France in Paris. □

Associated Press

Padres edge Rockies in another slugfest at Coors Field

DENVER (AP) — The Padres and Rockies set a modern-era record by combining for 92 runs in a four-game series, with San Diego pitcher Matt Strahm drawing a pinch-hit, bases-loaded walk in the ninth inning to rally past Colorado 14-13 Sunday.

It was just another wacky day at Coors Field, especially in this split series where the Rockies outscored the Padres 48-44 while the teams combined for 131 hits. Colorado's Charlie Blackmon became the first player since at least 1900 with 15 hits in a four-game series, according to STATS. Adding to the zaniness: the finale was delayed once to clean up a big puddle in foul territory despite sunny skies, and again later because of weather.

Trailing 13-10 in the ninth, Wil Myers had an RBI single and Greg Garcia promptly tied it with a two-out, two-run triple off closer Wade Davis (1-2). The Rockies brought in starter Jon Gray, who intentionally walked two batters to face Strahm. Gray fell behind 3-1 before throwing a strike. Taking all the way, Strahm watched a fastball narrowly miss for ball four.

Gerardo Reyes (3-0) earned the win by striking out three in the eighth. Kirby Yates threw a perfect ninth for his 24th save.

DODGERS 3, CUBS 2

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Russell Martin singled in the go-ahead run in the eighth inning off Steve Cishek (1-4), Alex Verdugo made a



San Diego Padres pinch hitter Matt Strahm heads back to the dugout after drawing a walk with the bases loaded to force in the go-ahead run off Colorado Rockies relief pitcher Jon Gray in the ninth inning of a baseball game Sunday, June 16, 2019, in Denver.

game-saving catch for the final out and Los Angeles rallied to beat Chicago.

Cody Bellinger hit his 23rd homer in front of his parents on Father's Day.

Kenley Jansen earned his 21st save the hard way. He gave up a leadoff single to Albert Almora Jr. and walked Jason Heyward to put the tying and go-ahead runs on base. Pinch-hitter Kyle Schwarber grounded out, moving Almora to third and Heyward to second. Pinch-hitter Victor Caratini bounced a short grounder to the right side, and Jansen fielded and fired home to get Almora at the plate for the second out.

With Heyward at third, Javier Baez flied out to center and Verdugo made a running catch to preserve the

win, diving onto his stomach shortly after the ball fell into his glove.

Ross Stripling (3-2) got the victory with one inning of relief.

CARDINALS 4, METS 3

NEW YORK (AP) — Paul DeJong tagged the Mets again, hitting a tiebreaking home run in the eighth inning that sent the Cardinals over New York.

The Cardinals won despite getting out-hit 10-3. They took three of four in the series, and DeJong homered in each victory.

DeJong is 30 for 83 (.361) with nine homers and 10 doubles against the Mets overall. He connected off Chris Flexen (0-3) for a solo drive.

Paul Goldschmidt hit a prodigious home run off the fa-

cade of the second deck and scored twice for St. Louis.

Andrew Miller (3-2) pitched a scoreless seventh to earn the victory and Carlos Martinez went two innings for his second save.

BRAVES 15, PHILLIES 1

ATLANTA (AP) — Josh Donaldson homered for the third straight game, Mike Foltynewicz allowed only one run in six innings and the Braves beat the Phillies. The Braves, who had their eight-game winning streak snapped with a 6-5 loss to the Phillies on Saturday night, won two of three in the series. Atlanta leads Philadelphia by 2½ games in the NL East.

Mike Foltynewicz (2-5) walked five batters but allowed only four hits with six

strikeouts. Vince Velasquez (2-4) lasted 2 1/3 innings in his first start since May 6.

NATIONALS 15, DIAMONDBACKS 5

WASHINGTON (AP) — Matt Adams homered twice and drove in a career-high seven runs,

Anibal Sanchez got his 100th career victory, and the Nationals beat the Diamondbacks.

Adams, Anthony Rendon and Kurt Suzuki homered off Arizona reliever Zack Godley, and Adams added a grand slam against Stefan Crichton in the eighth. Adams has nine career multi-homer games.

Sanchez (3-6) pitched six innings, allowing two runs and six hits while striking out three.

Archie Bradley (2-4) took the loss.

BREWERS 5, GIANTS 3

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Eric Thames and Jesús Aguilar homered to help the Brewers avoid a sweep with a victory over the Giants.

Christian Yelich had two doubles, extending his season-high hitting streak to 13 games. The reigning NL MVP is batting .472 (25 for 53) with five homers over that stretch.

Matt Albers (3-2) pitched the fifth for the win. Josh Hader pitched a perfect two final innings, striking out three, to get his 17th save in 18 chances.

Thames' homer, his 10th of the season, off Giants starter Jeff Samardzija (3-6) in the fifth gave the Brewers a 4-2 lead. □

Rainout postpones Harper's latest return to Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bryce Harper's latest chance to play in his old ballpark will have to wait a day. The Philadelphia Phillies' game at the Washington Nationals was postponed because of rain. The start of Monday's game was delayed for nearly three hours before a decision was made to call it entirely. The game will be made up at 1:05 p.m. Wednesday, as part of a day-night doubleheader.

It is the Phillies' second trip to Washington since Harper agreed a 13-year, \$330 million contract in March. He was 5 for 7, including a home run, in two games at Nationals Park in early April. After a fast start, Harper's batting average fell to .219 on May 14. He's rebounded and arrived in Washington with a .247 average, 12 homers and 49 RBIs. He has at least one hit in nine of his last 11 games.

"Over the last couple of

days, he's looked as good as he's looked," Phillies manager Gabe Kapler said. "I actually think he started off really well, then he struggled for a while and now he's been on a slow trajectory to get to the right spot. He's been a little bit more upright. He's a little more relaxed. (Sunday) was a super-relaxed look at the plate. I think he's right where he needs to be."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Phillies: OF Roman Quinn

was activated from the injured list after missing two months with a groin injury. OF Nick Williams was optioned to Triple-A Lehigh Valley. ... RHP Jerad Eickhoff (right biceps tendinitis) was placed on the 10-day injured list. The Phillies recalled RHP Edgar Garcia a day after he was optioned to Lehigh Valley. ... INF Phil Gosselin cleared waivers and was outrighted to Lehigh Valley.

Nationals: C Kurt Suzuki said

he was sore but available a day after he left a game when a pitch bounced and hit him in the neck.

NATS SIGN TOP PICK

Washington signed RHP Jackson Rutledge, its first-round pick in this month's draft. Rutledge, the No. 17 overall selection, had an 0.87 ERA in 82 2/3 innings for San Jacinto (Texas) Junior College this year. Rutledge will report to the Nationals' Rookie-level Gulf Coast League affiliate. □



Cleveland Indians' Jose Ramirez runs after hitting a triple against the Detroit Tigers during the top of the fifth inning of a baseball game, Friday, June 14, 2019, in Detroit.

Associated Press

Indians still hoping Ramirez can rebound

By NOAH TRISTER
AP Baseball Writer

There were plenty of highlights for the Cleveland Indians in their weekend sweep at Detroit: Jake Bauers hit for the cycle, Leonys Martin stole home and Trevor Bauer threw his first career shutout.

Another plus for the Indians: Some signs of life from the bat of Jose Ramirez.

The Cleveland third baseman had four hits in the series, which may not sound like much but constitutes half of Ramirez's total for the month of June. One of those hits was a triple Friday. He also drove in three runs and scored three times in that three-game sweep.

"We're looking for reasons to be optimistic," manager Terry Francona said after Saturday's game. "Hopefully he can build on it."

One of the American League's top players over the previous three seasons, Ramirez has been having a miserable year at the plate in 2019. His solid series against the Tigers only brought his average to .203, and his slugging percentage is an anemic .301. The Indians are 10 games behind first-place Minnesota in the AL Central. That probably says more about the Twins than about Cleveland, but the Indians (37-33) could use a big second half from Ramirez if they're going to return to the postseason. Ramirez is one of a handful of players with impressive track records who have floundered a bit this season. Keep an eye on this group to see who can turn it around:

— Aaron Nola, Phillies. Nola is 6-1, but with a 4.89 ERA and some ugly no-decisions. He's already had three starts of four innings or fewer. Control has been an issue: He's walked 4.0 hitters per nine innings.

— Joey Votto, Reds. The 35-year-old Votto had his offensive numbers dip last year, but nothing like this. He's hitting .255 with six home runs and a slugging percentage under .400.

— Rougned Odor, Rangers. The Texas second baseman reached 30 homers in back-to-back seasons in 2016 and 2017, but that seems like a while ago. He's currently hitting .180 with eight home runs at an age (25) when you would think he'd be establishing himself as a star. □



Kansas City Royals' Nicky Lopez slides safely to home base against Minnesota Twins' Jason Castro during the seventh inning of a baseball game Sunday, June 16, 2019, in Minneapolis. Lopez scored after teammate Billy Hamilton hit a sacrifice bunt.

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Maldonado wears Father's Day tie, leads Royals over Twins

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Martín Maldonado celebrated Father's Day by wearing a blue necktie on his chest protector and had three hits to lift the Royals over the Twins.

Maldonado had several names scribbled on the tie, along with "Happy Father's Day." Pittsburgh Pirates backstop Elias Diaz wore the same tie in a game against Atlanta, which appeared to be provided by equipment manufacturer All-Star.

Jorge López (1-6) pitched 2 1/3 innings in relief for the win.

Martín Pérez (7-3) surrendered five runs — four earned — in 6 2/3 innings for Minnesota.

RED SOX 8, ORIOLES 6, 10 innings

BALTIMORE (AP) — Rafael Devers led off the 10th inning with a home run after Marco Hernandez tied it with a solo shot in ninth, and the Red Sox beat the Orioles.

After winning the first two games of the series in blow-out fashion, the Red Sox used some late heroics to complete the sweep and extend their winning streak to five.

Mychal Givens (0-4) served up a 1-0 pitch that Devers slammed far over the center-field wall. Mookie Betts

and Christian Vazquez added two-out, two-run singles off David Hess.

Brandon Workman (5-1) worked the ninth for the Red Sox. Boston's eighth pitcher, Josh Smith, gave up a two-run homer to Stevie Wilkerson and a bases-empty drive to Trey Mancini in the 10th.

INDIANS 8, TIGERS 0

DETROIT (AP) — Trevor Bauer pitched his first shutout as a pro, ending the longest winless streak of his career as the Indians beat the Tigers.

Rookie Oscar Mercado drove in four runs and Jason Kipnis homered and drove in three. The Indians are 18-7 against Detroit since the beginning of last season and outscored them 25-6 in this set at Comerica Park.

Spencer Turnbull (3-6) allowed a season-high six earned runs.

RAYS 6, ANGELS 5

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Yandy Diaz hit an RBI single during Tampa Bay's two-run eighth inning, and the Rays held off Los Angeles' late rally to beat the Angels.

Mike Trout hit a two-run homer off Diego Castillo in the ninth to make it a one-run game. After Shohei Ohtani singled and went to second on Albert Pujols'

grounder, Castillo completed his seventh save by striking Kole Calhoun.

Tommy Pham put the Rays ahead 4-3 with a solo shot against Griffin Canning (2-3) in the fifth.

YANKEES 10, WHITE SOX 3

CHICAGO (AP) — James Paxton pitched six effective innings, Brett Gardner and Austin Romine each had four RBIs and the Yankees cruised past the White Sox. Gardner and Romine, the backup catcher behind Gary Sánchez, each drove in two runs with singles in New York's five-run third.

Paxton (4-3) allowed eight hits and allowed two runs for his first win since April 26. Chicago's Odrisamer Despaigne (0-2) allowed seven runs.

BLUE JAYS 12, ASTROS 0

HOUSTON (AP) — Trent Thornton shut down his former team into the seventh inning, Teoscar Hernández hit two of Toronto's five home runs and the Blue Jays hammered the Astros. Freddy Galvis and Hernández each hit three-run homers in a seven-run sixth inning. Hernández added a solo drive in the ninth off Tyler White, who started the game at first base.

Thornton (2-5) scattered six singles, struck out seven and walked three in 6 2/3 innings. □

Pelicans primed to draft Zion -- and another top-5 prospect

By **BRETT MARTEL**

AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Now that six-time All-Star Anthony Davis' trade request has been honored, it's time for the New Orleans Pelicans to start a new era by drafting the next face of the franchise.

Duke star Zion Williamson is widely seen as the top pro prospect to enter any NBA draft since Davis in 2012, and the Pelicans — thanks to an unlikely NBA draft lottery victory last month — have the right to select him first overall on Thursday night.

While new Pelicans executive vice president of basketball operations David Griffin and coach Alvin Gentry have declined to announce their draft intentions, Gentry chuckled when describing the pressure to get the decision right as "Really very little. Minimal, OK? I think we'll make the right decision." The ability to make that first pick this year "gives a boost to our franchise right away," Gentry said. "We're going to end up with a really good basketball player." The Pelicans even posted a compilation of Williamson's Duke highlights on their official website.

The 6-foot-7, 285-pound Williamson was just the second freshman to be a consensus national player of the year, along with Kevin



In this Jan. 5, 2019, file photo, Duke's Zion Williamson (1) dunks during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game against Clemson, in Durham, N.C.

Durant with Texas in 2007. While Williamson has yet to exhibit consistent outside shooting, he has displayed a dominant mix of power, quickness and skill that has convinced scouts of his extraordinary promise as a pro.

He averaged 22.6 points per game at Duke and also was voted to the ACC's All-Defensive Team after averaging 8.9 rebounds, 2.12 steals and 1.8 blocked shots per game. He leaves Duke as the holder of several freshman records, including single-game scoring after his 35-point outburst against Syracuse in January.

And this draft could have enormous, long-term implications for New Orleans even beyond the addition of Williamson because of the bounty of first-round draft choices the Pelicans are to receive from the Los Angeles Lakers as part of the Davis deal.

The trade — which also sent a total of three first-round picks to the Pelicans — won't become official until after the new NBA league year begins July 6. But when the Lakers pick fourth overall, they will effectively select for the Pelicans and eventually will send that player to New Orleans — unless that pick is moved in

a subsequent trade on behalf of the Pelicans by draft night. And while deciding whether to select Williamson isn't bound to cause any mental anguish or second guesses, deciding who to pick fourth overall could be a much tougher call.

Gentry noted that while most drafts have just a few elite prospects, there often are future stars mined from mid- to late-first-round picks — never mind a second top-five choice like New Orleans has acquired.

"There is the high end, front end of the draft, but there's going to be a guy that's drafted 14 to 25 that's going to be a game changer

also," Gentry said. "It's happened almost every year and that's where Steve Nash and Kobe Bryant and Giannis (Antetokounmpo) and those guys were all drafted — in that area right there. So, somewhere along the line, there's going to be some surprise guys that'll step up that's going to become really good basketball players."

A handful of prospects stand out as possible fourth overall picks, and the position they play could be a factor.

The Davis trade brought New Orleans highly regarded small forward Brandon Ingram, point guard Lonzo Ball and shooting guard Josh Hart. Ball and Ingram would be presumed starters alongside veteran guard Jrue Holiday and Williamson at power forward. The only true center on the roster is Jahlil Okafor. Forward Julius Randle also can play center, but is essentially a free agent with a player option to return for next season. Christian Wood, a 6-10 forward who thrived in his short, late-season stint with the Pelicans, also could play center.

Texas' Jaxson Hayes (6-11, 220) is widely seen as the top center in the draft, but not necessarily a top-five talent, so free agency might be the more practical route for the Pelicans to pursue an upgrade there. □

For fantasy sports players, Harden is the NBA MVP

By **JIMMY GOLEN**

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Giannis Antetokounmpo may have helped his team win 60 games and earn the No. 1 seed in the NBA during the regular season. In fantasy sports, James Harden was the biggest winner, registering the most points over the 2018-19 season to claim NBA Most Valuable Player honors from DraftKings. Harden averaged 64.53 fantasy points per game, about 5 more than Russell Westbrook and 7 more than Antetokounmpo. Nikola Jokic and Paul George rounded out the first team



In this April 17, 2019, file photo, Houston Rockets guard James Harden (13) drives against Utah Jazz forward Royce O'Neale (23) during the first half of Game 2 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series in Houston.

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that the fantasy sports site announced on Monday.

Harden also had the best performance of the season, when he totaled 99.75 fantasy points against the New York Knicks on Jan. 23, a game in which he had season highs of 61 points and 15 rebounds, along with four assists and five steals.

Other awards went to:

— Dallas Mavericks guard Luka Doncic for rookie of the year. He averaged more than 44 fantasy points per game to beat Trae Young and Deandre Ayton.

— Portland Trail Blazers guard Anfernee Simons was the

best value play of the year. He played in only 20 games and had a total of 75 points this season, but he scored 37 with nine assists and six rebounds in one game on April 10 against the Sacramento Kings — netting 66 fantasy points at the site for a salary of \$3,000. — Toronto Raptors forward Pascal Siakam was the most improved player. He added 1,261 points to his total over last season despite playing in just two more games than last year. Runner-up De'Aaron Fox and third place JaVale McGee added more but also played in eight and 10 more games, respectively. □

For U.S. men, Gold Cup finally brings chance for revival

By **DAVE CAMPBELL**
AP Sports Writer

BLAINE, Minn. (AP) — The overarching goal for the fledgling U.S. men's soccer team, as frequently stated by new coach Gregg Berhalter, has been to improve the perception of this sputtering program within the cutthroat hierarchy of global soccer.

Though a strong performance in the CONCACAF Gold Cup probably won't move the needle much, the Americans surely would benefit, simply, from winning.

Their opening game against Guyana on Tuesday night at Allianz Field in St. Paul, the new home of Major League Soccer's Minnesota United, will mark the first competitive match for the U.S. since the infamous defeat at Trinidad and Tobago on Oct. 10, 2017, that kept the team from qualifying for the 2018 World Cup. It follows a stretch of 18 consecutive friendlies.

"There will be some nerves, but for us it's just about continuing to make progress throughout this tournament," Berhalter said last week after a training session at the National Sports Center in Blaine, a suburb of Minneapolis. "I think part of our profession is play-

ing under pressure, playing in big events, and this is a great opportunity for us to learn." The 20-month gap between competitive games is the longest for the Americans since a 38-month span following a loss to Costa Rica on May 31, 1985, their final qualifier for the 1986 World Cup. Their next match that counted was a draw at Jamaica on July 24, 1988, their first qualifier for the 1990 World Cup.

The U.S. won the biennial Gold Cup in 2017, a sixth title in 14 editions of the championship of North and Central America and the Caribbean. Mexico, the clear favorite, has won seven such crowns.

Before any mental energy can be spent on assessing the ability to compete with their border rival to the south, though, the Americans, who are ranked 30th in the world, must advance from the group stage. On the surface, Panama (75th), Trinidad and Tobago (92nd) and Guyana (177th) don't appear to be daunting competition, but the way the U.S. team played this month in exhibition losses to Jamaica (1-0) and Venezuela (3-0) there will be no guarantees of automatic wins. The Americans are missing injured



United States midfielder Duane Holmes, center, and forward Jozy Altidore, center right, meet on the field during warmups before an international friendly soccer match against Venezuela, Sunday, June 9, 2019, in Cincinnati.

players DeAndre Yedlin, John Brooks and Tyler Adams, all first-choice starters. "If it doesn't go well you can just feel that more pressure is going to build, more questions will be asked, more scrutiny will be on Berhalter and the federation, and the outside noise is only going to get louder," said former U.S. midfielder Stu Holden, now a Fox analyst. "That's why it's really important that this team has a really good showing in this tournament."

With the U.S. women leading their side of the world rankings and off to a dominant start this month in France at the Women's World Cup, the men's team won't be able to avoid the comparison game. The Americans can't mute the

fan angst that has followed them for nearly two years, either, but they can at least take a meaningful step forward in the Berhalter era by displaying some potential within the pressing, possession-prioritized style he has rolled out.

"We want to progress. Of course that also means winning the games, but we want to develop our style," midfielder Weston McKennie said. "Our goal is to make people see U.S. Soccer as something different as what they see now, probably." McKennie is one of the 20-year-old up-and-comers the program has staked itself to in the quest to not only return to the World Cup in 2022 but do some damage on the sport's biggest stage. The

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other, of course, is Christian Pulisic, who is joining English Premier League power Chelsea from Germany's Borussia Dortmund for a \$73 million transfer fee. That is a record price for an American player.

Veterans of the national side like Jozy Altidore and Michael Bradley are still around, among just six holdovers from the roster that went to Trinidad. They are joined by Pulisic, defenders Omar Gonzalez and Tim Ream, and forward Paul Arriola on what has become a youngster's team. Getting this team in sync, socially and psychologically, might be just as important of a task for Berhalter as with the technical implementation of his system. □

Bell wins at Iowa for 4th victory of 2019

By **LUKE MEREDITH**
AP Sports Writer

NEWTON, Iowa (AP) — Christopher Bell won the NASCAR Xfinity series race Sunday at the Iowa Speedway, his fourth victory of the season and second straight in Newton. Bell led 186 of 250 laps in the No. 20 Toyota to claim his second short track win of 2019 by nearly two seconds. He also won at Bristol in April.

Pole-sitter Cole Custer was second, followed by Justin Allgaier and Harrison Burton. Zane Smith of JR Motorsports was fifth in just his fifth start in the series.

Custer briefly snagged the lead with 32 laps left on a restart, but Bell quickly grabbed it back as the two cars made contact on Bell's low pass. Bell then held Custer off on a restart with 10 to go by grabbing the high line.

Bell gave Joe Gibbs Racing its fifth win in its last seven starts at Iowa, and Bell was able to celebrate back-to-back wins with his parents in attendance.

"Man, I got to win at Dover (the week before) Mother's Day weekend...with my mom there. Now I just won on Father's Day weekend

with my dad here," said Bell, who won for the 12th time in the series. "It was pretty special."

The first race of Sunday's doubleheader produced some unexpected drama, as Truck series winner Ross Chastain had his victory taken away from him after his truck failed the post-race inspection.

Bell ensured that the night-cap was largely a snoozer. Custer won his 10th career pole earlier Sunday and led the first 54 laps. But Bell took over after a restart late in the first stage and won a frame for the seventh time



Christopher Bell crosses the finish line to win a NASCAR Xfinity Series auto race, Sunday, June 16, 2019, at Iowa Speedway in Newton, Iowa.

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this season. Bell increased his edge over the next 60 laps, pushing his lead to as much as six seconds to take the second stage as well. A caution with 72 laps left

gave Custer a shot at overtaking Bell. But Bell held Custer off by going high — an approach that appeared to become quite popular this weekend. □

Facebook launching app that pays users for data on app usage

By **RACHEL LERMAN**
AP Technology Writer
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Facebook on Tuesday launched an app that will pay users to share information with the social media giant about which apps they're using.

The company previously rolled out two similar apps that tracked what activities people did on their phones. But both were shut down after drawing criticism for infringing on privacy and violating Apple's App Store guidelines.

Facebook said the new app, called Study, is different than the previous two and was built from scratch. And it is only available on the Google Play Store, though Facebook said it might work to expand it to iOS in the future.

The new app will collect information about which apps people are using and for how long, including which app features are used.

That could give Facebook valuable insight into how people use its competitors' services.

Facebook said it will not track passwords or account IDs and it will periodically remind people that the app is collecting their data.



In this March 29, 2018, file photo, the logo for social media giant Facebook, appears on screens at the Nasdaq MarketSite, in New York's Times Square.

A previous market-research app from the company, called Research, got in hot water earlier this year when a report found that teens were using it and it was sidestepping Apple's guidelines. Apple booted it from its app store and Facebook eventually shut it down completely.

The other app, called Onavo Protect, was a virtual private network service used to keep information private in public settings — but it was also collecting infor-

mation about app usage and sending it to Facebook. That app, too, has been shut down.

Facebook appears to be acting in a more up-front manner this time, said Lance Cottrell, chief scientist for the cybersecurity firm Ntrepid.

"They are being a little less intrusive with this one," he said, noting that Facebook says it won't collect some of the more sensitive information from people's phones such as photos and

web searches.

What it will do, Cottrell suspects, is give Facebook further advantage over competitors because it will be able to tell how long apps are being used, and even which features within them are most popular. Facebook already has a step up when setting up such market research, Cottrell said — not many other companies could release a similar service and get as many participants as Facebook is bound to.

"It's a lot of competitive intelligence, but a little less spying on the users," he said.

But some privacy experts are concerned users will still not know exactly what information they are sending. Many people skip reading privacy policies, noted mobile app security researcher Will Strafach, who studied the underlying code of Facebook's Research app earlier this year. And if Facebook updates the privacy guidelines, there is no guarantee they will be upfront about it, he said.

In any case, one thing the app is sure to do is give Facebook more insight into personal data and use of not only its own services, but others as well.

Facebook said the app will not be used to serve people ads, and information will not be shared with third-party companies — a line the company has been walking carefully since its Cambridge Analytica scandal last year that exposed the data of millions of Facebook users to an outside political research firm.

The Study app is now available in the U.S. and India. Facebook is not saying how much it will pay participants to share their information. □

Is Elon Musk closing troublesome Twitter account or teasing?

By **MICHAEL LIEDTKE**
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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Tesla CEO Elon Musk abruptly revealed that he is closing the popular Twitter account that has repeatedly landed him in legal trouble, but then proceeded to keep it open long after announced he had deleted it.

The mixed messaging began to unfold Sunday when Musk changed his Twitter handle to Daddy-DotCom in apparent homage to Father's Day. Then he signaled in a tweet that he was scrapping the account. But 15 hours later, the account remained open under its old "elon-musk" handle with 27 million followers.



In this March 14, 2019 file photo, Tesla CEO Elon Musk speaks before unveiling the Model Y at the company's design studio in Hawthorne, Calif.

Tesla didn't immediately respond to a request for comment and Musk hadn't explained his earlier tweets on Twitter as of Monday afternoon.

Musk has used his Twitter account to pull pranks and make baffling changes

in the past. In February, for instance, he suddenly changed his handle to "elontusk." When Musk was later asked during a conference call with reporters why he made that change, he confessed: "I was just playing the fool on Twitter."

Musk's apparent intention to leave Twitter after a decade on the social media service attracted widespread attention largely because his account has turned into a hornet's nest during the past year.

The biggest flap occurred last August when he tweeted that he had lined up the financing necessary to buy Tesla in a buyout that would have likely cost more than \$20 billion, causing the electric car maker's stock to swing wildly. An offer never materialized, and the Securities and Exchange Commission later accused Musk of using Twitter to mislead investors.

Musk denied the allegations, but he and Tesla eventually reached a \$40

million settlement with the SEC after regulators threatened to seek his ouster as the company's CEO. Instead, Musk agreed to step down as Tesla's chairman for at least three years and also stipulated that his tweets tied to the company be prescreened for accuracy.

Twitter got Musk into trouble again in February when the SEC alleged a tweet about how many cars Tesla will manufacture this year represented another misleading statement and sought to hold him in contempt of court for violating the settlement. That resulted in a new settlement that is supposed to put even tighter controls on Musk's tweets about the company. □

Liz Weston: Make your money last in retirement

By **LIZ WESTON**
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Many people worry about running out of money in retirement. That's understandable, since we don't know how long we'll live, what your future costs might be and what kind of returns we can expect on our savings.

There are several ways, however, to boost the odds that your money will last as long as you need it. Among them:

REDUCE YOUR 'MUST HAVE' EXPENSES

Lowering your fixed expenses — shelter, food, transportation, insurance, utilities and minimum loan payments — can help you withdraw less from your savings, which in turn can help your money last longer. One powerful way to reduce expenses is to downsize to a smaller home if you can reduce or eliminate your mortgage payment and shrink other costs such as property taxes, utilities and insurance. Getting rid of a car could save you nearly \$9,000 a year, which is the average cost of car ownership according to AAA. Eliminating debt before you retire is often a good way to reduce expenses, but consult a fee-only financial planner before withdrawing re-



This April 2017, file photo provided by NerdWallet shows Liz Weston, a columnist for personal finance website NerdWallet.com.

retirement funds to pay off a mortgage. Such withdrawals can trigger a big tax bill and leave you without enough cash for the future.

KEEP EARNING

A study for the National Bureau of Economic Research found that delaying the start of retirement from age 62 to age 66 could raise someone's annual, sustainable standard of living by 33%. Even if you can't continue working full time, income from a part-time job or side business could help you withdraw less from your savings.

MAXIMIZE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

Most people will live past

the "break-even point," where the larger checks they get from delaying the start of their Social Security benefit will total more than the smaller checks they bypass in the meantime. More importantly, though, bigger Social Security checks serve as a kind of longevity insurance. The longer you live, the greater the chances you'll run through your savings and depend on Social Security for most if not all of your income. It's particularly important for the higher earner in a couple to delay as long as possible to maximize the survivor benefit that one of them will get after the first

spouse dies.

CONSIDER BUYING GUARANTEED INCOME

Many retirement experts say it's a good idea to have enough guaranteed income to cover your basic, must-have expenses. If those expenses exceed what you expect to get from Social Security and traditional pensions, consider buying additional guaranteed income by purchasing an immediate annuity. Unlike other types of annuities that can be complicated and expensive, an immediate annuity can provide a stream of income for life in exchange for a single lump-sum payment upfront.

CHOOSE A SUSTAINABLE WITHDRAWAL RATE

Big withdrawals or bad markets at the start of your retirement can dramatically increase the risk you'll run out of money. Financial planners typically recommend that people take no more than 4% of their nest egg in the first year of retirement, increasing the withdrawal by the inflation rate in subsequent years. That means a retiree with \$200,000 in retirement savings could withdraw \$8,000 the first year. If inflation is 3%, the retiree would add \$240 (3% of \$8,000) and withdraw \$8,240 the second year, and so on. Peo-

ple who retire early or who want to be more conservative might start at 3% rather than 4%, or skip inflation adjustments in years when markets are bad.

GET GOOD TAX ADVICE

Your tax situation can become more complicated in retirement, especially if you were a good saver. You could be thrown into a higher tax bracket by required minimum distributions from retirement funds that typically must start at age 70 1/2. The higher income also can cause more of your Social Security to be taxable and raise your Medicare premiums. Sometimes it can make sense to start distributions earlier or to do Roth conversions to reduce future taxes. The math involved can get intense, so consult an experienced tax pro.

PROTECT YOUR HEALTH

Many chronic health conditions are associated with higher medical costs in retirement, including diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, arthritis and heart disease, according to a study by Vanguard and Mercer Health and Benefits. Some health risks are beyond our control, but regular screenings, proper medical care and a healthy lifestyle may help you reduce some of those costs. □

Global shares mixed as investors look ahead to Fed rates

By **YURI KAGEYAMA**
Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — Global shares were mixed Monday amid a wait-and-see attitude about the direction of interest rates and the trade dispute between the U.S. and China.

France's CAC 40 added nearly 0.2% in early trading to 5,376.03. Germany's DAX fell less than 0.1% to 12,089.45.

Britain's FTSE 100 rose nearly 0.2% to 7,356.56.

U.S. shares were set to drift higher with Dow futures up 0.1% to 26,162. S&P 500 futures were also up 0.1% at 2,898.50.

Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 inched up less than

0.1% to finish at 21,124.00. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 lost 0.4% to 6,530.90, while South Korea's Kospi edged down 0.2% to 2,090.73. Hong Kong's Hang Seng gained 0.4% to 27,227.16, while the Shanghai Composite was up 0.2% at 2,887.62.

Earlier this month, U.S. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell set off a market rally after he signaled that the central bank is willing to cut interest rates to help stabilize the economy if the trade war between Washington and Beijing starts to slow economic growth.

The Fed holds its next meeting of policyholders this week, but no action on rates is expected.



A man looks at an electronic stock board showing Japan's Nikkei 225 index at a securities firm in Tokyo Monday, June 17, 2019.

Economists expect Fed officials to wait until the second week of July to indicate whether they intend

to cut rates, after seeing the next government report on the jobs market and other economic data.

Market watchers are also closely watching the results of the G-20 summit in late June, where U.S. President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping could meet and try to negotiate a deal on trade.

"Sentiments around the ability to achieve a positive turn in U.S.-China trade negotiations, should the Trump-Xi meeting materialize at the sidelines of the G-20, remain tentative," said Vishnu Varathan of Mizuho Bank in Singapore. "And the G-20 itself is merely a stage to kick the can down the road and a long, long way off a complete retraction of global trade tensions." □

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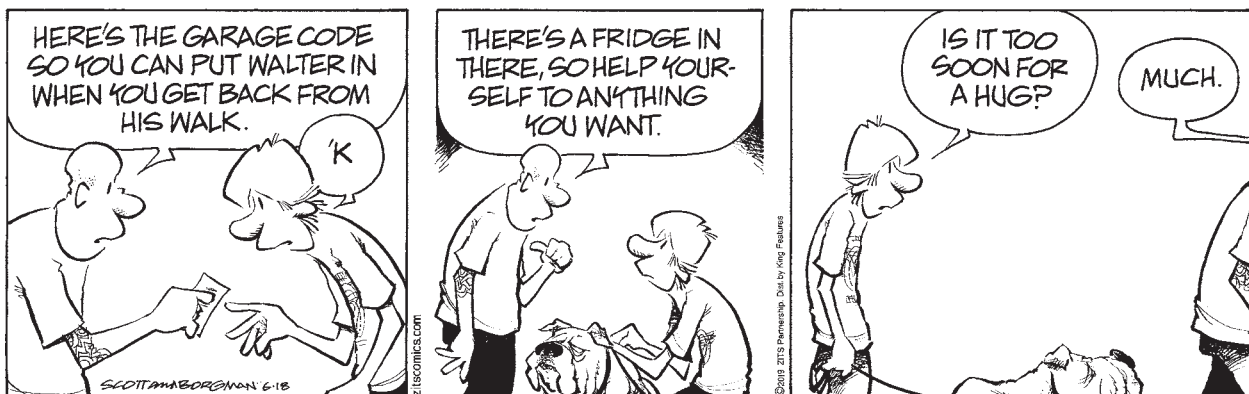
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Difficulty Level ★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

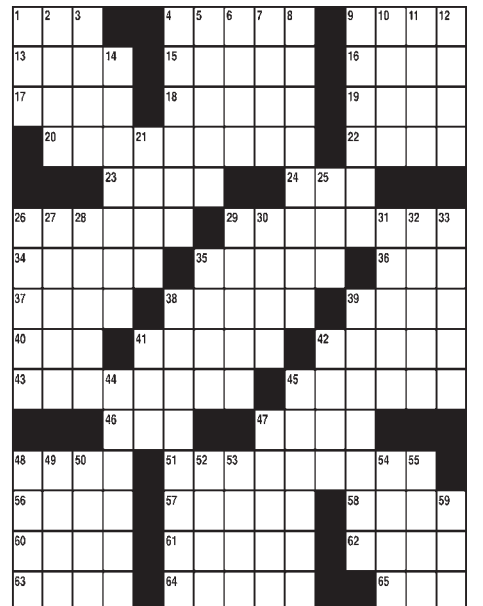
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- Squirrels' homes
- Word before time or rib
- Donut's center
- Clutch
- Actress Brewster
- Trick
- Deadlock
- Small appliance
- "As ye sow, so shall ye __"
- Ewe's mate
- Lacking a sense of right & wrong
- Comfy footwear
- Did a lawn chore
- Halo wearer
- __ it; understand
- Zealous
- Taking to court
- Clerical error
- Stealing or coveting
- Constructed
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- Portions
- Stout
- Bell's monogram
- Kitchen recess
- Leaping amphibian
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- Crazy as a __
- Elementary school grade
- Ginger cookie
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- Actress Amanda
- Come in
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- Piece of wood
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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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Audubon intervenes to protect ocean monument for puffins

By **PATRICK WHITTLE**

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) —

The National Audubon Society is getting involved in a lawsuit over the future of a national monument in the ocean off New England because of the area's importance to seabirds, especially colorfully beaked puffins.

Fishing groups sued in federal court against creation of Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument, which former President Barack Obama designated in 2016. The case is on appeal. Court documents show Audubon has moved to file a friend-of-the-court brief in favor of keeping the monument.

Lawyers for the fishing groups have said the monument was illegally created by Obama using the Antiquities Act.

The groups include fishermen, such as lobstermen and crabbers who con-



In this Aug. 1, 2014, file photo, an Atlantic puffin comes in for a landing on Eastern Egg Rock, a small island off the coast of Maine.

tend the creation of the monument has created an unfair hardship for them because it restricts where they can fish.

But the nearly 5,000-square-mile area is especially important to Maine's vulnerable Atlantic puffins, said

Karen Hyun, vice president of coasts for Audubon. Protecting the monument area from commercial fishing will help provide the birds with a reliable food source, she said.

The health of the puffin population is a tourism

boost for Maine, Hyun added.

"It's really important for the sustainability of these birds," Hyun said. "It's a species that people come to the Maine coast to see, to participate in puffin watching tours."

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A spokesman for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which oversees fisheries and oceans for the federal government, declined to comment.

U.S. District Judge James Boasberg granted the Trump administration's motion to dismiss the suit against the monument last year. The groups appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Oral arguments are not yet scheduled, said Jonathan Wood, an attorney for the fishing groups. The fishermen's contention that the Antiquities Act applies to the land and not the sea should be enough to overturn the creation of the monument, Wood said.

"A century of presidential practice, judicial precedent, and the Constitution's separation of powers all show that the answer is no," he said. □

Climate talks held as Arctic ice melts, concerns grow

By **FRANK JORDANS**

Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Diplomats and climate experts gathered Monday in Germany for U.N.-hosted talks on climate change amid growing public pressure for governments to act faster against global warming.

Officials meeting in the western city of Bonn for the June 17-27 talks are focusing on resolving issues that couldn't be agreed upon at last December's climate summit in Poland. This includes the rules governing the international trade in carbon certificates, which allow rich countries to offset emissions by paying for projects in poor nations.

The talks are taking place

against a backdrop of mounting concerns about global warming that have been heightened by extreme weather events and other signs that man-made climate change may already be leaving its mark on the planet.

Over the weekend, a picture taken by Danish climate researchers showing sled dogs on the ice in northwest Greenland with their paws in melted ice water was widely shared on social media. Greenland's ice melting season normally runs from June to August but the Danish Meteorological Institute said this year's melting started on April 30, the second-earliest time on record going back to 1980.



In this photo taken on Thursday, June 13, 2019 sled dogs make their way in northwest Greenland with their paws in melted ice water.

Students in Europe and beyond have staged regular street protests demanding leaders do more to meet the 2015 Paris accord's goal of keeping average temperature increases below 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 Fahrenheit) — ideally 1.5 degrees C (2.7 degrees F) — by the end of the century, compared to pre-industrial times.

While experts discuss tech-

nical issues in Bonn, European Union leaders will be debating the 28-nation's long-term strategy on climate change Thursday in Brussels. German Chancellor Angela Merkel has indicated that she backs proposals to stop adding further greenhouse gas emissions to the atmosphere by 2050 — a move that will require ending almost all fossil fuel use by then. Britain,

Germany and France are expected to pass national legislation this year enshrining this "net zero" target in law. U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has invited world leaders to outline their countries' efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly in September.

They'll likely face no letup in pressure there. □

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'Hunger Games' prequel novel coming in 2020

By **HILLEL ITALIE**
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A decade after seemingly wrapping up "The Hunger Games," Suzanne Collins is bringing readers back to Panem. A prequel, set 64 years before the beginning of her multimillion-selling trilogy, is coming next year. The novel, currently untitled, is scheduled for release on May 19, 2020. Collins said in a statement Monday that she would go back to the years following the so-called "Dark Days," the failed rebellion in Panem. Collins set the "Hunger Games" books in a post-apocalyptic dystopia where young people must fight and kill each other, on live television.

"With this book, I wanted to explore the state of nature, who we are, and what we perceive is required for our survival," she said. "The reconstruction period 10 years after the war, commonly referred to as the Dark Days — as the country of Panem struggles back to its feet — provides fertile ground for characters to



This image provided by Scholastic shows the cover of a new untitled "Hunger Games" novel by Suzanne Collins.

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grapple with these questions and thereby define their views of humanity." The book is set well before the lifetime of "Hunger Games" heroine Katniss Everdeen, played by Jennifer Lawrence in the billion-dollar movie franchise. Scholastic spokeswoman Tracy van Straaten declined comment on the new book's contents or featured characters beyond what's described in

Monday's announcement. "Suzanne Collins is a master at combining brilliant storytelling, superb world building, breathtaking suspense, and social commentary," Scholastic Trade Publishing President Ellie Berger said in a statement. "We are absolutely thrilled — as both readers and publishers — to introduce the devoted fans of the series and a new audience to an entirely new perspective on this modern classic." Lionsgate released the four "Hunger Games" movies, and the studio's vice chairman, Michael Burns, has suggested a prequel. In a recent statement to The Associated Press, the chairman of the Lionsgate Motion Picture Group, Joe Drake, said, "As the proud home of the 'Hunger Games' movies, we can hardly wait for Suzanne's next book to be published. We've been communicating with her during the writing process and we look forward to continuing to work closely with her on the movie." The studio did not immediately respond when asked if an agreement

for film rights had already been reached.

The first three "Hunger Games" books — "The Hunger Games," "Catching Fire" and "Mockingjay" — have sold more than 100 million copies and have been translated into more than 50 languages. The very title "The Hunger Games" has become a catchphrase for suffering and deadly competition, inspiring such headlines as "Trump's \$1 trillion (infrastructure) plan inspires 'Hunger Games' angst." Although she was actively involved with the production of the "Hunger Games" films, Collins appeared done with the novels after the publication of "Mockingjay," in 2010. She had said little about her plans in recent years, beyond telling a gathering at the 2013 BookExpo publishing convention that she was working on a new series. Her most recent book, of any kind, came out in 2013: The picture story "Year of the Jungle" was based on the time in Vietnam served by Collins' father, a career

Air Force officer. Collins has cited her father as a reason for her lifelong studies of war, and cited both contemporary and classical culture as inspirations for "The Hunger Games." She named the country Panem as a reference to the Roman expression "panem et circenses," meaning bread and circuses, diversions for the masses. In a 2010 interview with The AP, she recalled watching television one night, switching channels, and becoming momentarily disoriented by going back and forth between a reality program and the Iraq War.

"We have so much programming coming at us all the time. Is it too much? Are we becoming desensitized to the entire experience?" she said. "Dystopian stories are places where you can play out the scenarios in your head — your anxieties — and see what might come of them. And, hopefully, as a young person, with the possibilities of the future waiting for you, you're thinking about how to head these things off." □

Aniston to Sandler before kissing scenes: 'Oil up the beard'

By **AMANDA LEE MYERS**
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When it came to their kissing scenes in Netflix's "Murder Mystery," Jennifer Aniston had one requirement of co-star Adam Sandler.

"I did have him learn to oil the beard up a little bit," the actress said in a joint interview this week. "Conditioned."

Sandler said kissing his longtime friend on camera isn't all that awkward, except when his wife Jackie and children are on set encouraging him a little too much. "The only awkward part is hearing my wife on the side going, 'Harder! Harder! Kiss her harder! Deeper!'" he joked. "They (Jackie and the kids) watched the kissing. They love it. They love Aniston, and they want her to have good things and they say, 'Give her something nice.'"

"That was awkward," Anis-



Cast members Jennifer Aniston and Adam Sandler arrive at the Los Angeles premiere of "Murder Mystery" at the Regency Village Theatre on Monday, June 10, 2019 in Westwood, Calif.

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ton said. "Murder Mystery" follows a longtime married couple

who get framed for murder while they're unlikely guests on a billionaire's yacht in

Europe. The movie premiered on Netflix on Friday. Asked what the movie gets

right about marriage, Aniston said teamwork.

"Right, that when it's working good, it's teamwork," Sandler said. "I like that there was no question you and I, our characters, are together, even when we were not getting along. When it was going back and forth with being upset with each other it was never an option of saying, 'I don't know if I can handle this anymore.' It was more like, 'We've got to figure this out.' That's nice."

"Murder Mystery" is the second film for Aniston and Sandler, who've been friends for 30 years after meeting at a deli. The first was 2011's "Just Go With It." The actors said knowing each other for so long makes their jobs on the set much easier.

"We like to laugh, like to enjoy, like to collaborate, and that just makes it really fun," Aniston said. □

In the joyous 'Toy Story 4,' the toys evolve too

**By LINDSEY BAHR
Associated Press**

It's futile to ask "why more" in the movie business, but it's hard not to go in a little suspicious of a fourth "Toy Story." The trilogy was so perfect.

What more could we ask of Woody and Buzz? What more did we as an audience need? If we got another, would it live up to the unbridled joy and emotional satisfaction of the first

three? And if it was bad, would it tarnish the others? Sure it might sound a little dramatic to get this emotionally invested in the legacy of an animated series about anthropomorphic toys, but Pixar and Disney did this to themselves by creating something so precious and lasting. But I'm delighted to report that the fears were unwarranted. "Toy Story 4 " is a blast and it's great to be back with



This undated image provided by Disney/Pixar shows scene from movie “Toy Story 4.”

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the gang. It took a herculean effort behind the scenes to get here too, nine years after "Toy Story 3" left many of us sobbing in our seats. Ousted Pixar head John Lasseter, who directed the first two, was supposed to direct and the screenplay switched hands three years into development (which helps explain why eight writers get "story by" credits). Eventually the project was handed over to animator, sometimes voice actor and first time feature director Josh Cooley to bring it home.

None of that disorder is apparent on the screen, however. A flashback tells us what happened to Bo Peep (Annie Potts) all those years ago, and reminds us where we left off: With Woody (Tom Hanks), Buzz (Tim Al-

len), Jessie (Joan Cusack) and the rest of the toys being passed on to a new kid, Bonnie, as their beloved Andy heads off to college. But it turns out Andy's talk with Bonnie about his favorite toy Woody didn't have much of an impact on the fickle 5-year-old. At playtime she prefers Jessie and often leaves Woody in the closet with the rest of the toys she's outgrown. "Remember house," a forlorn chair (Carol Burnett) says wistfully, as they all notice Woody has picked up his first dust bunny.

This sends him into a panic spiral as he grasps for any thing that will make him essential to Bonnie's life. When she decides that a deranged arts and crafts project made of a spork she calls Forky is her new

favorite toy, Woody becomes his protector. Tony Hale provides the perfect voice for this insane but charming addition who keeps trying to jump in the trash. (It's his destiny as a disposable utensil after all!) Indeed, "Toy Story 4" introduces a whole batch of fun new characters, like the Canadian stuntman Duke Caboom (Keanu Reeves), the 50s antique and all around head case Gabby Gabby (Christina Hendricks) and her creepy "Vincent" henchmen. There's also Combat Carl (Carl Weathers), Bunny (Jordan Peele) and Ducky (Kegan-Michael Key). And pay close attention and you might also spot Melephant Brooks (Mel Brooks) and Carl Reineroceros (Carl Reiner) too. 

Willie Nelson's latest is relaxed, joyous

By GREGORY KATZ
Associated Press

Willie Nelson, "Ride Me Back Home" (Sony Legacy)
Willie Nelson's latest studio offering, "Ride Me Back Home," is a relaxed, joyous collection that finds Nelson reflecting, explicitly, on age and its toll — complaining, in fact, about the way time has left his face so lined — but free of any self-pity.

It's more of a celebration than some of his recent albums, and more of a showcase for his deceptively simple guitar work, which still carries an emotional wallop with its easy tone and subtlety.

Nelson vividly evokes the landscapes of the west, particularly in the title track, a paean to the days before horses were fenced in, but also takes listeners to El-



In this Feb. 6, 2019 file photo, Willie Nelson performs at the Producers & Engineers Wing 12th Annual GRAMMY Week Celebration at the Village Studio in Los Angeles.

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lis Island in New York Harbor in a stunning and relevant cover of Guy Clark and Roger Murrah's "Immigrant Eyes."

There are also three new tunes Nelson wrote with producer Buddy Cannon.

The most meaningful is "Come On Time," which describes a personal competition with time that the singer knows he can't possibly win. "You sure have put me in my place," he concedes. □

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Gloria Vanderbilt, heiress, jeans queen, dies at 95

By ULA ILNYTZKY

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Gloria Vanderbilt, the intrepid heiress, artist and romantic who began her extraordinary life as the “poor little rich girl” of the Great Depression, survived family tragedy and multiple marriages and reigned during the 1970s and ‘80s as a designer jeans pioneer, died Monday at the age of 95.

Vanderbilt was the great-great-granddaughter of financier Cornelius Vanderbilt and the mother of CNN newsman Anderson Cooper, who announced her death via a first-person obituary that aired on the network Monday morning. Cooper said Vanderbilt died at home with friends and family at her side. She had been suffering from advanced stomach cancer, he noted.

“Gloria Vanderbilt was an extraordinary woman, who loved life, and lived it on her own terms,” Cooper said in a statement. “She was a painter, a writer, and designer but also a remarkable mother, wife, and friend. She was 95 years old, but ask anyone close to her, and they’d tell you, she was the youngest person they knew, the coolest, and most modern.”

Her life was chronicled in sensational headlines from her childhood through four marriages and three divorces. She married for the first time at 17, causing her aunt to disinherit her. Her husbands included Leopold Stokowski, the celebrated conductor, and Sidney Lumet, the award-winning movie and television director. In 1988, she witnessed the suicide of one of her four sons.

Tributes online came from celebrities and fans of her clothes alike. Alyssa Milano called her “an incredible woman,” Dana Delany said she treasures one of her paintings and one Twitter user mourned by remembering the canary Vanderbilt jeans she wore in junior high school.

Vanderbilt was a talented painter and collagist who also acted on the stage

(“The Time of Your Life” on Broadway) and television (“Playhouse 90,” “Studio One,” “Kraft Theater,” “U.S. Steel Hour”). She was

interview. “I always feel that something wonderful is going to happen. And it always does.”

Noting her father’s death

The aunt, Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney, 59, who controlled \$78 million and founded the Whitney Museum of American Art, won

divorced Di Cicco, whom she said had beaten her often, and the next day married the 63-year-old Stokowski. The marriage to the conductor lasted 10 years and produced two sons, Stanislaus and Christopher.

After her marriage broke up, Vanderbilt found herself embroiled in another custody case, this time as the mother. During the closed hearings, Stokowski accused Vanderbilt of spending too much time at parties and too little with the boys. She accused him of tyrannizing his sons and said he really was 85, and not 72 as he claimed.

Justice Edgar Nathan Jr. gave Vanderbilt full-time custody. But he commented that the court had wasted a month on “the resolution of problems which mature, intelligent parents should be able to work out for themselves.”

Vanderbilt married Lumet in 1956 and lived with him and her children in a 10-room duplex penthouse on Gracie Square. She divorced Lumet and married Cooper in 1963.

Their elder son, Carter, a Princeton graduate and editor at American Heritage, killed himself in 1988 at age 23, leaping from his mother’s 14th floor apartment as she tried to stop him. Police said he had been treated for depression and friends said he was despondent over a break-up with a girlfriend. Vanderbilt says in “Nothing Left Unsaid” that she contemplated following him, but the thought of how it would devastate Anderson stopped her.

After her success in designer jeans, Vanderbilt branched out into other areas, including shoes, scarves, table and bed linens, and china, through her company, Gloria Concepts. In 1988 Vanderbilt joined the designer fragrance market with her signature “Glorious.”

By the late 1980s, Vanderbilt sold the name and licenses for the brand name “Gloria Vanderbilt” to Gitanjo, who transferred it to a group of private investors in 1993. □



In this April 4, 2016 file photo, CNN anchor Anderson Cooper and Gloria Vanderbilt attend the premiere of “Nothing Left Unsaid” at the Time Warner Center in New York.

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a fabric designer who became an early enthusiast for designer denim. The dark-haired, tall and ultra-thin Vanderbilt partnered with Mohan Murjani, who introduced a \$1 million advertising campaign in 1978 that turned the Gloria Vanderbilt brand with its signature white swan label into a sensation.

At its peak in 1980, it was generating over \$200 million in sales. And decades later, famous-name designer jeans — dressed up or down — remain a woman’s wardrobe staple.

Vanderbilt wrote several books, including the 2004 chronicle of her love life: “It Seemed Important at the Time: A Romance Memoir,” which drops such names as Errol Flynn, whom she dated as a teenager; Frank Sinatra, for whom she left Stokowski; Marlon Brando and Howard Hughes.

She claimed her only happy marriage was to author Wyatt Cooper, which ended with his death in 1978 at age 50. Son Anderson Cooper called her memoir “a terrific book; it’s like an older ‘Sex and the City.’”

“I’ve had many, many loves,” Vanderbilt told The Associated Press in a 2004

when she was a toddler, she said: “If you don’t have a father, you don’t miss it, because you don’t know what it is. It was really only when I married Wyatt Cooper that I understood what it was like to have a father, because he was just an extraordinary father.”

In 2016, Vanderbilt and Anderson Cooper appeared together in the HBO documentary “Nothing Left Unsaid.”

Gloria Laura Madeleine Sophie Vanderbilt was born in 1924, a century after her great-great-grandfather started the family fortune, first in steamships, later in railroads. He left around \$100 million when he died in 1877 at age 82.

Her father, Reginald Claypoole Vanderbilt, was 43, a gambler and boozier dying of liver disease when he married Gloria Morgan, 19, in 1923. Their daughter was 1 when Vanderbilt died in 1925, having gone through \$25 million in 14 years.

Beneficiary of a \$5 million trust fund, Vanderbilt became the “poor little rich girl” in 1934 at age 10 as the object of a custody fight between her globe-trotting mother and matriarchal aunt.

custody of her niece.

A shocked judge had closed the trial when a maid accused the child’s mother of a lesbian affair with a member of the British royal family. The fight was chronicled in the best-selling 1980 book “Little Gloria ... Happy at Last,” made into a TV miniseries in 1982 with Angela Lansbury playing Whitney.

The “poor little rich girl” nickname “bothered me enormously,” Vanderbilt told The Associated Press in 2016. “I didn’t see any of the press — the newspapers were kept from me. I didn’t know what it meant. I didn’t feel poor and I didn’t feel rich. It really did influence me enormously to make something of my life when I realized what it meant.”

After spending the next seven years on her aunt’s Long Island estate, Vanderbilt went to Hollywood. She dated celebrities and declared she would marry Hughes. Instead, the 17-year-old wed Hughes’ press agent, Pasquale di Cicco, prompting her aunt to cut Gloria out of her will. Vanderbilt came into her own \$5 million trust fund in 1945 at age 21. She also di-

More research labs are retiring monkeys when studies finish

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WESTFIELD, Wis. (AP) — Izle, Timon, Batman, River and Mars spent years confined inside a lab, their lives devoted to being tested for the benefit of human health.

But these rhesus macaques have paid their dues and are now living in retirement — in larger enclosures that let them venture outside, eat lettuce and carrots, dip their fingers in colorful plastic pools, paint, and hang from pipes and tires — in relative quiet.

More research labs are retiring primates to sanctuaries like Primates Inc., a 17-acre (7-hectare) rural compound in central Wisconsin, where they can live their remaining years, according to the sanctuaries and researchers. For some monkeys, it's their first time hanging out in the fresh air. "Just to see them look around in amazement. You know it was all very calm and peaceful," said Amy Kerwin, who worked for 15 years to get the Westfield, Wisconsin, sanctuary off the ground after being employed in a University of Wisconsin research lab.

There were approximately 110,000 primates in research facilities in 2017, according to the most recent data available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. While most research facilities need primates to be euthanized to examine their tissues, technological advances, such as brain scans, mean fewer monkeys need to be put down. Plus, researchers who be-



In this May 13, 2019, photo, Amy Kerwin stands outside the outdoor enclosures at Primates Inc., in Westfield, Wis. Kerwin started the sanctuary, which took its first monkeys in 2018.

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come close with the animals are making more efforts to give the ones who can survive a retirement, rather than euthanization. In 2015, a group of researchers, graduate students and an ethicist created the Research Animal Retirement Foundation. It raises funds for labs to pay the sanctuaries to retire them. So far they have given \$33,000 in funding for three monkeys who went to the Wisconsin sanctuary.

A visit to the Peaceable Primate Sanctuary in Indiana helped convince Rep. Jackie Walorski, R-Ind., to author a bill introduced last month, along with Rep. Brendan Boyle, D-Penn., that requires federal agencies to develop a policy allowing animals no longer needed for research to be adopted out or put in sanctuaries. Currently, no feder-

al regulations dictate what happens to them. Some are sold to other studies when one study is done.

The bill doesn't address funding, one of the main hurdles to get primates into retirement sanctuaries.

Currently, grants through the National Institutes of Health, which is the largest public funder of biomedical research in the world, don't include money for retirement. That leaves the labs and sanctuaries to find the tens of thousands of dollars per monkey, per year needed to care for them.

Monkeys are finished with studies at different ages and some can live for decades. Some can also leave with lingering issues, like compulsive behaviors caused by boredom.

That's why many sanctuaries require the labs to send

some funding, often between \$10,000 and \$20,000, to help care and create space for monkeys. Since many of the primates have only lived in labs, they don't have the skills needed to live in the wild.

Most primates in accredited sanctuaries are chimpanzees, capuchins, and squirrel monkeys, according to Erika Fleury, program director for the North American Primate Sanctuary Alliance, or NAPSA, an advocacy group for captive primates. They come from research, the entertainment industry or private homes.

Chimpanzees are no longer used in most research. The NIH announced in 2013 it would stop supporting them in research and that they should be moved to sanctuaries, with funding. It pointed to a report from the Institute of Medicine in

2011 that concluded the use of chimpanzees in biomedical research was unnecessary.

Cindy Buckmaster, chair of the Americans for Medical Progress, which represents research universities and medical research companies, said that besides funding, researchers are concerned about sanctuaries standards, their financial viability and whether some sanctuaries' ties to animal rights groups will cause them to badmouth the institution.

"We really feel very grateful to them and we want them to have wonderful lives after," Buckmaster said. "They certainly deserve it. But it has to be done well and it has to be done properly because we're not going to put our animals in harm's way."

Some animal rights groups, including People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, don't support research but do agree with retiring monkeys to sanctuaries rather than having them euthanized.

Sanctuaries have been around for decades but, in 2010, more than a half-dozen came together to create NAPSA.

Currently, there are eight member sanctuaries, with about 775 primates. Membership requires the sanctuaries be USDA licensed, accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries or certified by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums, among many guidelines. There are 31 other, nonmember sanctuaries in the U.S. and Canada that have primates but have a variety of standards, according to NAPSA.

Besides requiring high standards for sanctuaries, NAPSA is also urging efforts with researchers to encourage them to ask for retirement funding upfront.

An NIH spokeswoman wouldn't respond to whether the agency would consider adding money to grants for monkey retirement care, only saying in a statement that the animals' owners are responsible for ongoing care. □



In this May 13, 2019, photo, Bella the vervet monkey looks at the camera at Primates Inc., in Westfield, Wis.

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In this May 13, 2019, photo, River, left, and Timon, both rhesus macaques, sit in an outdoor enclosure at Primates Inc., in Westfield, Wis.

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